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2611	9/11/57	CG AIRTEL TO H.Q.	1	1	
2612	9/12/57	SA TO SAC MEMO NY	1	0	
2613	9/13/57	SA MEMO TO SAC CG	1	1	
2614	9/13/57	NY AIRTEL TO CG	1	1	
2615	9/12/57	LETTER TO STATE DEPT	1	0	N.Y. 100-37158
2616	9/13/57	SA MEMO TO SAC S.L.	3	0	
2617	9/13/57	SA MEMO TO SAC S.L.	3	0	NY 100-109849
2618	9/16/57	SA MEMO TO SAC NY	4	0	
2619	9/17/57	SA MEMO TO SAC NY	1	1	
2620	9/17/57	SA MEMO TO SAC NY	2	0	
2621	9/19/57	SA MEMO TO SAC	3	0	
2622	9/20/57	NK LETTER TO H.Q.	9	9	

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2623	9/20/57	SA MEMO TO SAC NY	3	0	
2624	9/20/57	SA MEMO TO SAC WFO	1	0	N.Y. 100-109849
2625	9/25/57	Supv. MEMO TO SAC NY	2	2	
2626	9/25/57	LETTER TO THIRD PARTY	1	1	
2627	9/26/57	SA TO SAC MEMO WFO	2	2	
2628	9/27/57	SA TO SAC MEMO LA	2	0	N.Y. 100-109849
2629	9/27/57	SA TO SAC S.A.	2	0	
2630	9/30/57	SA TO SAC N.Y.	2	2	
2631	9/30/57	PH REPORT TO H.Q. + N.Y.	9	9	
2632	9/30/57	SA MEMO TO FILE	1	1	
2633	9/30/57	PH LETTER TO H.Q.	4	4	
2634	10/1/57	SAC SL LETTER TO SAC NY	1	0	

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2635	10/1/57	SA TO SAC memo N.H.	1	0	
2636	10/1/57	SA TO SAC memo NY	2	0	
2637	10/2/57	SA TO SAC Memo SA	1	0	N.Y 100-109849
2638	10/3/57	SA TO SAC memo N.Y.	5	3	
2639	10/3/57	N.Y. LETTER TO H.Q.	9	1	See NY 65-15348 serial 2823
2640	10/4/57	SA TO SAC memo NY	1	0	
2641	10/8/57	ME REPORT TO H.Q. - N.Y.	11	10	
2642	10/8/57	SA memo TO FILE	1	1	
2643	10/8/57	ME LETTER TO H.Q.	3	3	
2644	10/8/57	SA memo TO SAC NH	4	4	
2645	10/9/57	SA memo TO SAC NY	2	0	N.Y 100-109849
2646	10/9/57	S.L. Airtel TO HQ	2	0	

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2647	10/10/57	IP LETTER TO NY	1	1	
2648	10/11/57	SA MEMO TO SAC S.L.	2	0	NY 100-109849
2649	10/11/57	SA MEMO TO SAC N.Y.	1	1	
2650	10/11/57	AL AIRTEL TO H.Q.	1	0	
2651	10/12/57	NY TELETYPE TO H.Q.	1	0	N.Y. 100-37158
2652	10/14/57	N.Y. AIRTEL TO H.Q.	2	0	N.Y. 65-15348
2653	10/14/57	SA MEMO TO SAC S.L.	1	0	N.Y. 100-109849
2654	10/14/57	N.Y. AIRTEL TO H.Q.	10	0	NY 100-109849
2655	10/16/57	WFO REPORT TO H.Q.	33	33	
2656	10/16/57	ATTACHMENT TO ABOVE	1	1	
2657	10/16/57	WFO LETTER TO H.Q.	5	5	
2658	10/21/57	CI LETTER TO S.L.	4	0	

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2659	10/23/57	BA REPORT TO H.Q.	2	0	
2660	10/23/57	ATTACHMENT TO ABOVE SA MEMO TO FILE	1	1	
2661	10/23/57	BA LETTER TO H.Q. 1	2	2	
2661	10/23/57	BA LETTER TO H.Q.	2	2	DUPE 2 NO CHARGE
2662A	9/21/57	THIRD PARTY LETTER	1	+	FILED PROCESS See NY 100-37158
2662	9/25/57	BS LETTER TO N.Y.	1	-	See NY 100-37158

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka. IS - C

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On 9/4/57, [redacted] Art Mince and Letter Service, Inc., 187 W. La Salle St., Ch., advised that DAVID L. SOLTNER (treasurer - Chicago Sobell Committee (CSC)) placed an order for 400 printed invitations to a CSC meeting featuring HELEN SOBELL on 9/21/57 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT S. BASKER, 5010 West Jarlath Ave., Skokie, Ill. This invitation reflected that HELEN SOBELL would show a film story of the ROSENBERG - SOBELL case, "Was Justice Done?" and a contribution of \$1 was asked.

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On 9/9/57 [redacted] advised that SOLTNER placed another order cancelling the above. However, this order was for 300 invitations to the same meeting featuring HELEN SOBELL on 9/20/57 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. BORIS RUBENSTEIN, 1357 E. Madison Avenue Park, CG. This invitation, according to [redacted] was under the auspices of the CSC. Further, that SOLTNER paid for this printing by check dated 9/10/57 drawn on the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, Dearborn and Monroe Sts., CG, and was signed by DAVID L. SOLTNER by CSC authority.

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HOSTETTER

- 3- Bureau (RM)
- 2- St. Louis (RM)
- 1- 100-11726 St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice (for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case)
- 1- 100-15872 (info)
- 2- New York (RM) (info) (100-107111)
- 4- Chicago
- 1- 100-32270 (CINIAL)
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SERIAL 2612 DATE 9-22-57

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

9/13/57

SA RALPH D. HARMON

SOBELL COMMITTEE
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On August 23, 1957, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to the writer a petition for an amicus curiae (friend of the court) brief on behalf of MORTON SOBELL. This petition is being retained in Chicago file [redacted]

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This petition announces that by signing this amicus brief, the signer will inform the United States Supreme Court of the deep interest that you share with many thousands of Americans in seeing justice done for MORTON SOBELL.

The inside of this petition carried a brief history of the background of the MORTON SOBELL case and contains space for nine signers of the brief, with a space left vacant for the signers' contribution and/or request for additional copies of this brief.

The back of this brief states that all checks were to be made payable to "Sobell Committee, 910 Broadway, New York, New York" and also left space for the circulator's signature.

- 1 - New York (100-) (RM) (SOBELL COMMITTEE)
- 3 - Chicago
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TO SAC, CHICAGO (100-25530)

FROM SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL

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Page 7 of 9/16/57, issue of "National
Guardian" contains advertisement to "Hear Helen Sobell speak
on the eve of Morton Sobell's appeal to Supreme Court - See
'Was Justice Done?', the film story, at the home of Mr. and
Mrs. ROBERT BASKER, 5010 West Jarlath Ave., Skokie. Sat
September 21st at 8:30 PM."

KELLY

- 2 - Chicago (100-25530) (RM)
- 1 - NY 100-107111

7-2 (HST)

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) (#7-2)

DATE: 9/17/57

FROM : SA ANTHONY E. CONSTANTINO

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SUBJECT: SOBELL COMMITTEE
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On 8/27/57, [redacted] Chemical Corn Exchange Bank, 265 Broadway, NYC, made available to the writer on a confidential basis the bank records concerning the above captioned account. (Confidential)

A review of the records for the month of August, 1957, reflected the following items considered pertinent:

Check Number	Date	Payee	Amount	Bank of Deposit and/or Endorser
1179	7/26/57	DONNER, KINOY and PERLIN	\$50.00	Chase Manhattan
1186	7/30/57	Advance Printing Co.	100.94	Mfg. Trust Co.
1185	7/29/57	Haven Perkins	64.41	Manchester Bank, St. Louis, Missouri
1178	7/26/57	Camp Woodland for Children	75.00	Kingston Trust Company
1196	8/5/57	DONNER, KINOY and PERLIN	750.00	Chase Manhattan
1188	8/2/57	Donner, KINOY and PERLIN	100.00	Chase Manhattan

- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - 100-117167 (Advance Printing Company) (#7-2)
- 1 - 100-100800 (Camp Woodland) (#7-4)
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - 100-93572 (National Guardian) (#7-2)
- 1 - 100-21 (Morning Freiheit) (#7-2)
- 1 - 100-87559 (The Nation) (#7-2)
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - 100-114330 (Cameron Associates) (#7-2)

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 Exempt from GDS, Category 1, 3
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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-16)

DATE: SEP 20 1957

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-1984)

SUBJECT : SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY
IS-SWP

On 8/27/57, NK 2026-S*, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, furnished photographs of material in the possession of Newark SWP Organizer MAX

- 6-Bureau [REDACTED]
- 3-Boston (2- 100-442; SWP)(1-encl.); [REDACTED]
- 1-Buffalo [REDACTED]
- 4-Cleveland (2-100-1012, SWP)(8-encl.)
 - 1- 100- AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF THE FOREIGN BORN(2-encl.)
 - 1- 100- CP (3-encl.)(REGIS.MAIL)
- 4-Chicago (2- 65-645;(SWP)(5-encl.)
 - 1- 100- CP (1-encl.)
 - 1- 100- MIDWEST COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF THE FOREIGN BORN (1-encl.)
- 3-Detroit 2- 100-1334 (SWP)(2-encl.) [REDACTED]
- 5-Los Angeles (2- 100-17375; SWP)(17-encl.)(REGIS.MAIL) [REDACTED]
- 12-New York (5- 100-4013; SWP)(50-encl.)(REGIS.MAIL); [REDACTED]
 - 1- 100-51820 (JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE)(1-encl.)
 - 1- 100-95240 (LYL)(1-encl.)
 - 1- 100-80693 (YSL)(2-encl.)
 - 1- 100-131940(AMERICAN FORUM FOR SOCIALIST EDUCATION)(6-encl.)
- 1- 100-107111 (SOBELL COMMITTEE)(1-encl.)
- 7-San Francisco (2- 61-380; SWP)(5-encl.)(REGIS.MAIL); [REDACTED]
 - 1- 100- (CALIF. LABOR SCHOOL)(1-encl.)
 - 1- 100- (INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST FORUM)(1-encl.)
 - 1- 100- (CP)(1-encl.)
- 3-Seattle (2-100-3564; SWP)(1-encl.)(REGIS.MAIL);
 - 1- 100- (WASHINGTON COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF THE FOREIGN BORN)(1-encl.)
- 4-Newark (2- 100-1984; SWP) [REDACTED]

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John #33

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SEP 20 1957
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GELDMAN, 109 Hillside Avenue, Newark, N. J. This material pertains to SWP activity on a local, national and international level.

The negatives are filed in Newark 100-1984-1CC-1; the original print of each pertinent frame is enclosed for the Bureau; photostatic copies of each pertinent print are enclosed for New York and other interested offices as set forth below; Newark is retaining only those prints concerning local activities.

Extra copies of this letter are being sent to the Bureau and New York Office for possible dissemination purposes.

It will be noted that some of this material pertains to Trotskyite activities in countries outside the United States. Due to the nature of the source, Newark is not making further dissemination of this material unless instructed to do so by the Bureau. Also, some of the copies sent to other offices contain information about various organizations and individuals within the territories of those divisions. Inasmuch as Newark does not have all the necessary information to make the proper dissemination in those cases, it is being left to the discretion of the office receiving the material.

Further dissemination of the minutes of the "Club Executive" meetings will be made to the subjects' files at a later date.

The "Roll numbers" listed below pertain to the roll of film containing the photograph of the described item.

The following is a description of the material enclosed:

Roll #1

Dissemination

1. The present stage of the international unity discussion (Resolution of the Political Committee of the SWP, submitted to the International Committee)

New York
Los Angeles

2. Minutes of Club Executive #13, July 31, 1957.

New York

Dissemination

3. Letter from JAMES CANNON to FARRELL DOBBS dated 1/11/57, re Los Angeles SWP activity and national SWP strategy.

New York
Los Angeles

4. Letter from JAMES CANNON to TOM KERRY dated 1/14/57, re SWP penetration of CP in Los Angeles.

New York
Los Angeles

5. Letter from FARRELL DOBBS to JIM dated 1/28/57, re regroupment.

New York
Los Angeles

6. Letter from CANNON to DOBBS dated 1/25/57, re Muste and regroupment.

New York
Los Angeles

7. National Committee Regroupment Statement dated 2/8/57, from KERRY.

New York;
NY 100-59096 (TOM
KERRY)

8. Letter from WARDE to TOM dated 2/10/57, re SWP penetration of CP in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles;
LA 100-48235 (WARDE)

9. Letter from ASHER to TOM dated 2/15/57, re SWP activity in San Francisco.

San Francisco;
SA 100-26202 (ASHER)

10. Report of Jefferson School Committee dated 2/25/57, re New York SWP activity.

New York;
NY 100-51820 (JEFFERSON
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE)

11. Letter from WARDE to TOM dated 2/18/57, re Los Angeles SWP recruiting activity.

Los Angeles;
LA 100-48235 (WARDE)

12. Letter from KELLY to TOM dated 3/17/57, re SWP contacts with CP in Boston area.

Boston;
BO 100-7697 (KELLY)

13. Letter from CARL to TOM dated 2/16/57, re SWP activity in Los Angeles concerning the CP and other organizations.

Los Angeles;
LA 100- (FEINGOLD)

14. Letter from FRANK POWERS to TOM dated 3/11/57, entitled "Report On Work In Washington Committee For Protection of the Foreign Born".

Seattle;
Seattle 100- WASHINGTON
COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION
OF THE FOREIGN BORN

15. Letter from MILTON ALVIN to Political Committee dated 3/2/57, re Los Angeles SWP activity concerning penetration of the CP.

16. Memorandum on the CCF re SWP activity in Canada.

17. Letter from WARDE to TOM dated 3/3/57, re SWP activity in Los Angeles.

18. Letter from WARDE to TOM dated 2/26/57, re SWP activity in Los Angeles.

19. Letter to FARRELL DOBBS dated 2/7/57, re SWP regroupment with CP.

Roll #2

20. Letter from MURRY WEISS to SCOTT dated 8/6/57, re youth movement.

21. Minutes of Club Executive #23, 12/20/56.

22. Letter from GEORGE BREITMAN to All National Committee Members dated 12/14/56, re the Federal Troops Slogan.

23. Draft Resolution on Stalinism dated 12/17/56.

Roll #3

24. Progress Report on the youth situation by BERT DECK and TOM WOHLFORTH.

25. Minutes of Club Executive #11, June 11, 1957.

26. Report on 1957 LYL Convention.

27. Letter from FARRELL DOBBS to All Locals and Branches entitled Progress of Workers Democracy, dated 7/19/57.

Dissemination

Los Angeles;
LA 100-31033 (ALVIN)

New York

Los Angeles;
LA 100-48285 (WARDE)

Los Angeles;
LA 100-48285 (WARDE)

New York
Los Angeles

New York
Chicago

New York

Detroit;
Detroit 100-23622
(BREITMAN)

New York

New York;
NY 100-80693 (YSL)

New York

New York;
NY 100-95240 (LYL)

New York

Dissemination

28. Letter from BOB to TOM dated 6/15/57, entitled Report On UAW. New York
Cleveland
29. Letter from WILSON to All National Committee Members, dated July, 1957. New York
Cleveland
30. Letter from J. WILSON dated 6/18/57, entitled Report On Dues Protest Movement. New York
Cleveland
31. Letter from FARRELL DOBBS to HOWARD dated 2/2/57, re SWP activity concerning Negroes. New York
Chicago
32. Letter from CHANDLER to FARRELL DOBBS dated 2/28/57, re SWP activity concerning Negroes. New York
Seattle
33. Letter from MYRA TANNER WEISS to All Locals and Branches dated 7/23/57, re Sobell case. New York;
NY 100-107111 (SOBELL
COMMITTEE)
34. Letter from FARRELL DOBBS to JIM dated 1/22/57, re American Forum For Socialist Education. New York;
NY 100-131940
(AFSE)
35. Report on American Forum meeting to discuss organization, March 23, 1957; by A. J. MUSTE. New York;
NY 100-131940
(AFSE)
36. Memorandum on American Forum For Socialist Education (Declaration of Aims, adopted at founding conference, New York City, 3/23/57.) New York;
NY 100-131940
(AFSE)
37. Letter from FARRELL DOBBS to National Committee members dated 4/1/57, re American Forum For Socialist Education. New York;
NY 100-131940
(AFSE)
38. Minutes of Provisional Working Committee of American Forum dated 4/6/57, from A. J. MUSTE. New York;
NY 100-131940
(AFSE)
39. Letter from BURNS to JIM dated 1/15/57, re international Trotskyite activity. New York

Dissemination

40. Memorandum on the International question, from MERRITT to All Political Committee Members dated 2/5/57.

New York

41. Memorandum on Rosenberg trial, from BOWERS to All Political Committee Members dated 2/1/57.

New York;
NY 100-79299 (BOWERS)Roll #4

42. Letter from GEORGE BREITMAN to the Political Committee, dated 5/19/56, re international Trotskyite activity.

New York
Detroit 100-23622
(GEORGE BREITMAN)

43. Letter from GERMAIN to GEORGE dated 5/3/56, re international Trotskyite activity.

New York
Detroit 100-23622
(GEORGE BREITMAN)

44. Letter from JACKI CALNEK to MAX dated Friday, October 19, re SWP activity in Chicago.

Chicago
New YorkRoll #5

45. Letter from JAMES CANNON dated 2/7/57 (Page three through page five) re regroupment.

Los Angeles
New York

46. Letter from WARDE to TOM dated 3/25/57, re Los Angeles SWP activity.

Los Angeles;
LA 100-48285 (WARDE)

47. Letter from WARDE to TOM dated 3/30/57, re Los Angeles SWP activity.

Los Angeles;
LA 100-48285 (WARDE)

48. Letter from HARRIS to TOM dated 3/13/57, re San Francisco IFS Forum

San Francisco;
SF 100- (INDEPENDENT
SOCIALIST FORUM)

49. Letter from BERTHA for All National Committee Members dated 3/26/57, re San Francisco SWP activity.

San Francisco;
SF 100- (CALIF.
LABOR SCHOOL)

50. Letter from JEAN to TOM dated 4/1/57, re Cleveland SWP activity, and American Committee For Protection of the Foreign Born.

Cleveland;
Cleveland 100-
(AMERICAN COMMITTEE
FOR PROTECTION OF THE
FOREIGN BORN)

Dissemination

51. Letter from JEAN to TOM, dated 4/10/57, re Cleveland SWP penetration of CP

Cleveland;
Cleveland 100-
(CP)

52. Letter from KELLY to FARRELL DOBBS dated 4/13/57, re Boston SWP activity.

Boston;
Boston 100-7697
(KELLY)

53. Letter from E. HARRIS to TOM dated 4/13/57, re SWP regroupment activity.

San Francisco;
SF 100-26202 (HARRIS)

54. Letter from E. HARRIS to TOM dated 4/13/57, setting out letter to SWP from "A Friend".

San Francisco;
SF 100-
(CP)

55. Letter from ANDERSON to TOM dated 4/13/57, re Chicago SWP regroupment activity.

Chicago;
Chicago 100-
(CP)

56. Letter from HOWARD to TOM dated 4/18/57, re Chicago SWP activity.

Chicago;
Chicago 100-
(MIDWEST COMMITTEE
FOR PROTECTION OF THE
FOREIGN BORN)

57. Minutes of Club Executive #14, August 13, 1957.

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58. Letter from J. P. CANNON to GEORGE BREITMAN, dated 5/25/56, re international Trotskyite activity.

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Los Angeles

59. Letter from JAMES CANNON to GEORGE BREITMAN, dated 5/24/56, re international Trotskyite activity.

New York
Los Angeles

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60. Page two to twenty of document regarding the middle east dated 12/18/56.

New York

61. Draft statement on regroupment.

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62. Letter from H. to Comrade F. dated 2/15/57, at Santiago, Chile, re international Trotskyite activity.

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| 63. The Situation in the World Movement by M. SHORT. | New York |
| 64. Letter from SMITH to BURNS dated 6/27/57, re international Trotskyite activity. | New York |
| 65. Resolution - The Situation In The World Trotskyist Movement. | New York |
| 66. Draft International Resolution: Suez and Its Aftermath (British Congress). | New York |
| 67. Draft Resolution - Towards A Revolutionary Party In Britain. | New York |
| <u>Roll #8</u> | |
| 68. Stenogram of Discussion of Break With Stalinists dated 10/4/56. | New York
Los Angeles |
| 69. Letter from MURRY WEISS to BERT DECK regarding the recent YSL convention. | New York;
NY 100-80693 (YSL) |
| 70. Memorandum on the international situation by SAM MARCY dated 3/22/57. | New York
Buffalo (100- MARCY) |
| 71. Letter from TOM KERRY dated 7/10/57, with attached report, "The French Communist Party and the Crisis of Stalinism". | New York |
| 72. Letter from S. T. PENG to the members of the International Committee dated 6/1/57, re unification question. | New York |
| 73. Letter from BOB to TOM dated 7/1/57, re Cleveland SWP activity. | Cleveland;
Cleveland 100- (CP) |
| 74. Letter from JEAN to TOM KERRY dated 6/18/57, re Cleveland SWP recruiting activity. | Cleveland;
Cleveland 100- (CP) |
| 75. Report on Regroupment Conference called by A. J. MUSTE, 12/8,9/57 in NYC, at the Labor Temple. | New York;
NY 100-131940
(AFSE) |

New York, New York
July 23, 1977

TO ALL LOCALS AND BRANCHES

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Fraternally,

Myra Tanager Weiss

Myra Tanager Weiss

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JOHN J. MATTIMORE, SUPERVISOR, #12-16

CAMP LAKELAND
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SOURCE: [REDACTED]

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CHARACTERIZATION:

Who has furnished reliable information in the past.

CONCEALMENT:

Conceal and paraphrase to protect identity.

DATE AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY:

[REDACTED]

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DATE RECEIVED:

July 28, 1957

AGENT:

JOHN J. MATTIMORE

LOCATION:

[REDACTED]

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Attached hereto is a copy of information furnished orally and received as above indicated. This information was subsequently transcribed and the original copy was initialed by the informant.

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Re: Camp Lakeland

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For two weeks commencing [redacted] Camp Lakeland was visited by me. [There were approximately 100 people registered as guests. However, on the week-end the guest list would swell to approximately 200 people.]

There apparently was no doctor on the premises. A DR. GIBBS (Negro) from Poughkeepsie, New York, would visit the camp daily to attend those requiring his services.

While I was at the camp, I saw no evidence of Communist indoctrination. I did notice that the "Guardian" and the "Daily Worker" were sold at the PK, along with other Metropolitan newspapers.

While I was in attendance, a collection was taken up and a petition was circulated on behalf of MORTON SOBELL.

It was generally felt that the Camp was having an unsuccessful season and might have to be shut down despite the fact that the food had improved, which had been a major complaint in the past.

The majority of people present were past middle-age.

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201 East 69th Street,
New York 21, N. Y.

September 25, 1957.

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Dear Sir:

I would like to acknowledge receipt of
your letter of September 18, 1957.

Your interest in writing to this office
is indeed appreciated and I hope that if in the future you
are in possession of any information, which you believe to
be of interest to the FBI, that you will not hesitate to
furnish it to us.

Very truly yours,

EJP

E. J. POWERS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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SA CARROLL M. GARNETT

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka
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ISA of 1950
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On September 10, 1957, SA PAUL E. MORRISON recovered the following described item from a trash cover maintained on the residence of SYLVIA BERNSTEIN, 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Spring, Maryland. This item is maintained under WFO 100-25474-14(3)-37. The above-mentioned item is described as envelope postmarked Washington, D.C., November 12, 1954, addressed to Mrs. SYLVIA BERNSTEIN and bearing return address "Deltrich, 5435 Conn. Ave., N.W., Washington 15, D.C." This envelope contained the following letter:

"5435 Conn. N.W.
Washington 15, D.C.
November 12, 1954

"Dear Mrs. BERNSTEIN,

"Last week when I was in New York to vote, I stopped up at the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell to say hello to all my friends up there. I have been in D.C. for many months now and had fallen out of touch with the Committee.

TED JACOBS, whom you know of course, suggested that I contact you by letter to inquire if I could be of any help in your committee work for Sobell here in D.C.

You probably have met me up at the National Committee before but do not remember because I was only a clerical helper.

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"I was very encouraged in New York with the plans and activities of the National Office.

"Please contact me if there is anything I can be of help with.

"Sincerely
"PAUL DEITRICH"

In connection with SYLVIA DEBETSKY, it is to be noted that [REDACTED] in February, 1950, [REDACTED] SYLVIA DEBETSKY as a current member of the CP. [REDACTED] Identity should be continued to be protected. [REDACTED] has furnished reliable information in the past.

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9/30/57

SA GEORGE P. BAXTRUM, JR.

SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY
IS-SWP

Source
Reliability

CSNY
who has furnished reliable
information in the past.
Material re SOBELL case.

Information Furnished
Date Received
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9/19/57
SA GEORGE P. BAXTRUM, JR.
Attachment in 100-4013 ser 9827

CSNY 496-S furnished, as set forth above, material in the legal custody of the informant, which was obtained at SWP headquarters, 116 University Place, NYC. The material consisted of the following:

Mimeographed letter from MYRA TANNER WEISS, dated 6/14/57, which set forth that she was enclosing a document setting forth the legal issues involved in the appeal of the Sobell case in the Supreme Court. She further wrote that the task before "us" was to obtain support for amicus briefs. She wrote that the branches should consider whom to approach on this matter with support from ACLU especially desired. WEISS suggested that one member of each branch become familiar with all the facts in the Sobell case. The enclosures to this letter set forth a listing of individuals supporting action in behalf of Sobell and a copy of his petition for rehearing submitted to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the October term, 1956.

The second mimeographed letter from WEISS, dated 7/23/57, was also furnished by CSNY 496-S. This was directed to all locals and branches and a verbatim copy is as follows:

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"Fraternallly,

"/s/ Myra Tanner Weiss

"Myra Tanner Weiss"

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORTING OFFICE PHILADELPHIA	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE SEP 30 1957	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/19-23; 9/13/57
TITLE OF CASE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL aka National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the ROSENBERG CASE		REPORT MADE BY MARION B. HUMMEL	TYPED BY KOG
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C; INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950	

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DETAILS:

PREFACE

The National Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case maintains national headquarters in Room B, 940 Broadway, New York City, N. Y., and the mail box servicing this office is labeled "SOBELL Committee."

JULIUS ROSENBERG, ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951 of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGs were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951 and MORTON SOBELL to 30 years imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, N. Y., on June 19, 1953, and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California.

[REDACTED] advised in January 1952 that the National Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case was formed on January 2, 1952 for the purpose of obtaining a new trial for the ROSENBERGs. b7d

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised on May 9, 1956 that the National Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case is attempting to keep alive the ROSENBERG Case and to fight for the release of MORTON SOBELL. The informant stated that the Communist Party took an extremely active part in assisting the Committee. b7d

The Communist Party, USA, and its sub-divisions and affiliates has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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GENERAL ACTIVITIES

Confidential Informant T-2 advised on May 1, 1957 that DAVID WEISS of the Philadelphia Branch, Socialist Workers Party, (PBSWP), had contacted JOSEPH ROBERTS of the Communist Party, Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (CPEPD), relative to the PBSWP and the CPEPD working together on a meeting concerning the case of MORTON SOBELL. According to the informant, both were willing to work together on such a meeting.

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The Socialist Workers Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On September 12, 1957, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that as of September 1957 JOSEPH ROBERTS was the Executive Secretary, CPEPD.

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On May 29, 1957, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that as of that date DAVID WEISS was Organizer of the PBSWP.

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MYRA TANNER WEISS was the unsuccessful candidate for Vice President of the United States on the SWP ticket in 1956.

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On April 7, 1956, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that "The Militant" is staffed, controlled and published as a weekly newspaper by the SWP.

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On May 27, 1957, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] furnished a flyer captioned "Justice for MORTON SOBELL." This flyer indicated that on Friday, June 7th at 8:15 P.M., a meeting would be held at Roberts Hall, 205 South 13th Street. The speakers

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for this affair were to be HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL, MYRA TANNER WEISS, staff writer for "The Militant," and JEAN FRANTJIS, Philadelphia Chairman, Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL. The film strip, "Was Justice Done?," "new film material on the ROSENBERG-SOBELL Case" was to be shown for the first time in Philadelphia. This flyer indicated that the meeting was being held under the auspices of the SWP, Philadelphia Branch, and that the proceeds were to go to the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL.

On June 24, 1957, Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that he attended the Justice for MORTON SOBELL Meeting held on June 7, 1957 at 205 South 13th Street, Philadelphia. The chairman for this affair was DAVID WEISS and the speakers were HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL, MYRA TANNER WEISS of "The Militant," and JEAN FRANTJIS, Chairman of the Philadelphia Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL. The film strip, "Was Justice Done?," was shown. b7d

DAVID WEISS, chairman of the meeting, said that the purpose behind the meeting was to join the fight against "the awful injustice which had been done" and to campaign for a new trial for MORTON SOBELL to prove his innocence and to set him free. WEISS remarked that he had been in the Socialist movement for 25 years and knew what it was like to be in jail. JEAN FRANTJIS gave an impassioned talk concerning the execution of the ROSENBERGS in which she said that the history of the United States was the history of one frameup after another which occurred when Government power attempted to capture the minds of men for nefarious purposes. She said that the "cruel sentence of SOBELL was done in the interest of the cold war and that his freedom will unfreeze the cold war."

HELEN SOBELL spoke along lines which attempted to arouse sympathy for her husband. She spoke of his imprisonment and how he had been imprisoned because he refused to sacrifice his ideals or his friends. She said that on September 4, 1957 a petition would be filed to secure a review of his case, and

that in freeing her husband the United States will be freed from the cold war. She said that "we" are in a hopeful position at the present, but need help in keeping the case before the public. According to her, the public approach can make a living issue of the case and support for the defense is obtained by personal contact.

The final speaker, MYRA TANNER WEISS, attacked the witnesses in the trial of the ROSENBERGS and SOBELL and capitalism in general. She said that she did not know whether the ROSENBERGS were innocent or guilty, but did know that they did not receive a fair trial because it was impossible to have a fair trial in an atmosphere such as prevailed at that time. She stated that she had been ignorant of the facts of the case until reading books which had been given to her by HELEN SOBELL. After reading these books, she had never seen anything so hideous as the frame-up that killed the ROSENBERGS and sent SOBELL to prison. She said that the whole case rested on whether the ROSENBERGS or GREENGLASS was telling the truth, and after the trial it was proved that all the accusers had lied, "GREENGLASS and the FBI the worst of all." WEISS stated that this shows how American justice can close its eyes to perjured evidence and thereby keep its victims in jail. She then went into a further discussion on how the witnesses were "lying" and how this fact had been known to the FBI. She finished her speech by making a plea for all working class people to join together to fight for civil liberties.

On the dates indicated, the following Confidential Informants furnished substantially the same information concerning the meeting on June 7, 1957, as that furnished by Confidential Informant [redacted] above:

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On June 10, 1957, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] furnished the following items of literature which were distributed at the Justice for MORTON SOBELL meeting held on June 7, 1957:

1. A copy of the decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit on an appeal from an order of the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, IRVING R. KAUFFMAN, Judge, in the case of the United States of America against MORTON SOBELL.
2. A pamphlet entitled "The Facts in the Case of MORTON SOBELL" issued by the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL.
3. A copy of an appeal to the President requesting the President to exercise authority in the granting of a new trial for MORTON SOBELL, which contains a list of individuals who have purportedly signed this appeal.
4. A reprint from "The Catholic Worker" of March 1956 entitled "Our Troubled Conscience" by ROBERT LUDLOW, reprinted by the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL.
5. The November 1956 issue of a newspaper entitled "MORTON SOBELL PRISONER ON OUR CONSCIENCE" published by the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL.
6. The Winter 1957 issue of the magazine, "International Socialist Review."



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On April 30, 1957, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that as of April 1957 HOWARD LE COMPTON was an active member of the Philadelphia Branch of the SWP.

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On August 12, 1957, Confidential Informant [REDACTED] furnished a letter on the stationery of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL which the informant had received on July 25, 1957. This letter was dated July 1957 and was over the signature of HELEN L. SOBELL (Mrs. MORTON SOBELL). The letter requested funds and appealed to the recipient to sign an Amicus Brief. Enclosed with the letter was a copy of an Amicus Curiae Brief to the United States Supreme Court on behalf of MORTON SOBELL, requesting that the case be reviewed and a hearing granted. Also enclosed with this letter was a copy of the August 1957 issue of a newspaper entitled "That Justice Shall Be Done," published by the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL. This paper was devoted in its entirety to the proposition of securing a new trial for MORTON SOBELL. On the final page of the newspaper, there appeared

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a list captioned "Contact Committees." It was noted that this list did not contain a committee for Philadelphia, Pa.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

September 30, 1957

RE: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL aka
INTERNAL SECURITY - C;
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

All Confidential Informants utilized in the report of SA MARION B. HUMMEL, dated September 30, 1957 at Philadelphia, captioned as above, have furnished reliable information in the past.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and neither it nor its contents should be disseminated outside the agency to which loaned.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

9/30/57

SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-37667)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka
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in the ROSENBERG Case
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are seven copies of the report of SA MARION B. EUMPELL, dated 9/30/57, at Philadelphia, captioned as above, together with seven copies of a blank memo evaluating Confidential Informants utilized therein. Two copies of the report and memo are being forwarded to New York.

Administrative Data

Copies of this report are being designated for the local intelligence agencies for information purposes.

The names of individuals signing the "Appeal to the President," mentioned in this report, were not set out inasmuch as they have been previously set out in reports submitted by other divisions.

This report has been classified Confidential because it contains information obtained from Confidential Informants and information which, if disclosed to unauthorized sources, would adversely affect the national security.

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T-1 - [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	b7d	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
T-2 - [REDACTED] 79-44	DAVID WEISS contacted JOSEPH ROBERTS	5/1/57	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
T-3 - [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	JOHN F. FHELAN, Jr.	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	b7d	JOHN F. FHELAN, Jr.	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	JOHN F. FHELAN, Jr.	[REDACTED]
T-4 - [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	b7d	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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CHARLES T. ADAMS

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CHARLES J. WYLAND

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CHARLES J. WYLAND

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MARION B. HUSTELL

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ORIS L. BURTON

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HARRY C. BELK, JEREMIAH W. DOYLE

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T-12 - [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] b7d	[REDACTED]	ELMER C. MULLEN	[REDACTED]
T-13 - [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] b7d	[REDACTED]	B. PERKOWSKI, JR., J. CLIFFORD OUSLEY	[REDACTED]
T-14 - [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] b7d	[REDACTED]	CHARLES T. ADAMS	[REDACTED]
T-15 - [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] b7d	[REDACTED]	WALKER WHITE, JR.	[REDACTED]
T-16 - [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] b7d	[REDACTED]	SE ALBERT R. QUICK	[REDACTED]

REFERENCE

Report of SA MARION B. HUMMEL dated 8/22/56 at Philadelphia

Philadelphia airtel to Director dated 5/7/57 captioned SWP - IS - SWP.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-64016) (#7-2) DATE: 10/3/57

FROM : SA DAVID RYAN, #19

SUBJECT: "GERMAN AMERICAN"
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Identity of Source [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in the past (conceal).

Description of info [redacted]

Date received 9/30/57

Received by SA DAVID RYAN (written)

Original located [redacted]

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Extreme caution should be used in reporting info contained herein and any action taken as a result of this information should be circumspect to protect [redacted]

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- 1 - NY 100-128813 (CP, DIST #2, Pam & Pubs) (#19-2)
- 1 - NY 100-121241 (CP, LOCATION OF PRINTING FACILITIES) (#19-1)
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- 1 - NY 100- (HUNGARIAN WORD (MAGYAR SZO)) (#18)
- 1 - NY 100- (IRVING PLACE PRESS, CORP) (#7-2)
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - NY 100- (PROODOS PUBLISHING CO) (#7-2)
- 1 - NY 100-4123 (RUSSKY GOLOS) (#6)
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - [redacted]
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The current Manhattan cross telephone directory has been reviewed and the following listings were noted for the address 130 East 16th St., NYC:

The German American, Inc.	OR 4-4476
Greek American Tribune	CR 4-8850
Hungarian Word, Inc.	AL 4-0397
Irving Place Press Corp.	GR 5-2910
Nok Vilaga	AL 4-5586
Proodos Publishing Co., Inc.	OR 4-8850
Russian Daily	GR 5-7595
Russian Voice	GR 5-7595
Rusky Golos	GR 5-7595

It is believed the Russian Daily, Russian Voice and Rusky Golos, mentioned above, are all identical publications and Hungarian Word, Inc., is believed identical with Magyar Szo. Copies of informant's report are being disseminated to the above case files for information purposes.

A copy of informant's report follows:

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1 - [REDACTED]
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1 - NY 100-128817 (CP, DIST #2, MEMBERSHIP) (#19-2)
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Offices at 130 East 16 st.:

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1st floor:	Rusky Golos
2nd	" Hungarian World
"	" GHMA
3rd	" Magyar Szo
"	" German American
4th	" Printing Presses

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW YORK	DATE 10/8/57	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 9/19, 20, 24, 26, 27/57
TITLE OF CASE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka National Committee To Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case		REPORT MADE BY SA RUSSELL D. JONES	TYPED BY trw
		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C	

OPIS:

Preface set forth. **JOHN GILMAN**, Chairman of Milwaukee unit of National Committee To Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Officers of new committee set forth, two of whom are identified as members of the Communist Party. Milwaukee unit maintains bank account at Wisconsin State Bank, Milwaukee, under name of "Milwaukee Sobell Committee." [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Literature distributed by Sobell Committee and activities of organization prior to reactivation of Sobell Committee set out.

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1 - Milwaukee (100-11982)			

DETAILS:

PREFACE

The National Committee To Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case maintains national headquarters in Room D, 1940 Broadway, New York City, and the mailbox servicing this office is labelled "Sobell Committee."

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951 of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL to thirty years' imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953, and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California.

[REDACTED] advised in January, 1952 that the National Committee To Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was formed on January 2, 1952 for the purpose of obtaining a new trial for the ROSENBERGS.

An informant on May 9, 1956 advised that the National Committee To Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case was attempting to keep alive the ROSENBERG case and to fight for the release of MORTON SOBELL. He stated that the Communist Party took an extremely active part in assisting the committee. b7d

The "Milwaukee Journal," a daily Milwaukee newspaper, in its issue of September 16, 1957 quoted JOHN GILMAN, Chairman of the Milwaukee unit of the Committee To Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, as stating that the Milwaukee unit of the Sobell Committee was reactivated about six weeks previously to attempt to obtain a new trial for MORTON SOBELL.

The Communist Party, the Civil Rights Congress and the Socialist Workers Party have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

1. ORIGIN, SCOPE AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES

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On August 26, 1957 [REDACTED] First Wisconsin National Bank, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, furnished a leaflet which reflects that the Milwaukee Committee To Secure Justice for Morton Sobell has its headquarters at 914 North Plankinton Avenue, Room No. 320, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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On August 16, 1957 and August 26, 1957 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] respectively, furnished a copy of a newspaper entitled, "Morton Sobell, Prisoner on Our Conscience," a newspaper to secure justice in the case of MORTON SOBELL, published by the Committee To Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, New York City, New York, together with an attachment from the Milwaukee Sobell Committee, which was handed out on August 14, 1957 at a meeting of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People held at the Grand Avenue Congregational Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The attachment from the Milwaukee Sobell Committee read as follows:

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"ATTENTION ALL FREEDOM FIGHTERS!"

"We greet and welcome you, Rev. Martin Luther King, the one who inspires and leads the heroic freedom fighters of Montgomery.

"We salute you Montgomery--the symbol of the New South, the spirit of the new generation by whose example liberty will triumph over prejudice.

"Every victim of injustice hails this epic struggle to unite your forces, to conquer fear and division, to meet the powerful machine of Jim Crow and to shatter it.


"Your success at Montgomery and the struggles now being waged in the south, weakens the forces of reaction and those who profit by dividing us the people, and preventing us from uniting to gain our complete freedom.

"There is one injustice that particularly pains the conscience of America, continued imprisonment in Alcatraz, after seven years, of Morton Sobell. Sobell was unjustly sentenced under the same witch-hunt hysteria that sent the Rosenbergs to their doom. The facts cry out for a fair trial for the evidence proclaims his innocence.


"You can help right this injustice by acquainting yourself with the facts in the case and giving them the widest circulation. More immediately you can help by signing the Amicus Curiae (friend of the court) Brief, which must be in the courts hands by Sept. 4th.

"THE MILWAUKEE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
914 N. Plankinton Ave - Room #310, Milwaukee, Wisconsin"

II. OFFICERS

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Chairman:	JOHN GILMAN
Vice Chairman:	WAYNE LEVERENZ
Secretary:	BETSY STERGAR
Treasurer:	CORA BERBERICH

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[REDACTED]

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On August 30, 1957 Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that following were the officers of the Milwaukee Sobell Committee:

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Chairman:	JOHN GILMAN
Secretary:	BETSY STERGAR
Treasurer:	CORA BERBERICH

Characterization of Officers

On March 1, 1957 [REDACTED] advised that JOHN GILMAN was Chairman of the Communist Party Club which belongs to the Community Division of the Wisconsin Communist Party.

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On July 26, 1957 Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that WAYNE LEVERENZ was a member of the Socialist Workers Party.

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On July 26, 1957 [REDACTED] advised that BETSY STERGAR was a member of the Socialist Workers Party.

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On March 1, 1957 [REDACTED] advised that CORA BERBERICH was a member of the Communist Party Club in the Community Division of the Wisconsin Communist Party.

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III. FINANCES

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On August 30, 1957 [REDACTED] advised that JOHN GILMAN opened a checking account at the Wisconsin State Bank, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, under the name "Milwaukee Sobell Committee" on August 12, 1957 with an original cash deposit of \$67.54. Informant advised that the account gave the address of 914 North Plankinton Avenue, Room 310, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and the authorized signatures for the account are JOHN GILMAN and CORA BERBERICH. Informant advised that the balance as of August 30, 1957 was \$43.45.

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IV. STATED AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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On [redacted] furnished a leaflet entitled, "For an Amicus Curiae Brief on Behalf of Morton Sobell," which was passed out by the Milwaukee Sobell Committee and read as follows:

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"By signing this Amicus Brief, you inform the United States Supreme Court of the deep interest that you share with many thousands of Americans in seeing justice done for Morton Sobell.

"Historically, Americans have availed themselves of the privilege of acting as Friends of the Court in cases which concern their common well-being. We respectfully bring to the attention of the Supreme Court of the United States our grave concern with the serious legal and moral issues in the case of Morton Sobell.

"Since his arrest seven years ago, Morton Sobell has steadfastly sought to prove his innocence of 'conspiracy to commit espionage,' the charge on which he was sentenced to 30 years and imprisoned in Alcatraz. People throughout the country, and in many nations abroad, have seen the integrity of American justice challenged by his conviction and imprisonment.

"Morton Sobell's appeals offer documentary evidence that the prosecution knowingly used fraud and perjury to obtain his conviction. None of the new evidence has been refuted. Clearly a court review is required. We look hopefully to the Supreme Court to resolve the issues raised in accordance with the Court's traditional vigilance over our system of justice.

"We therefore request that the case of Morton Sobell be reviewed and a hearing granted, and we authorize the inclusion of our names in an Amicus Curiae Brief."

The "Milwaukee Journal," a Milwaukee daily newspaper, in its issue of September 16, 1957, carried an article entitled, "Retry Sobell as Spy, Plea - Claim New Evidence." This article read as follows:

"Convicted atom spy Morton Sobell should be granted a new trial on the basis of new evidence that has come to light in the last five years, a former Harvard university philosophy instructor told 75 persons here Sunday night.

"Haven Perkins, now midwest representative of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, spoke at the first formed Milwaukee unit of the organization at Jefferson hall, 2617 W. Fond du Lac av.

"Sentenced to 30 Years

"John Gilman, 2851 N. 1st st., is chairman of the Milwaukee unit which has headquarters at 914 N. Plankinton av. He also formerly headed the Wisconsin Civil Rights congress which had headquarters at the same address. The Civil Rights congress for many years was the Communist party's principal 'front' organization in the state.

"Gilman said that the Milwaukee Sobell unit was 'reactivated' about six weeks ago.

"Sobell was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment for his part in the alleged Soviet atom spy conspiracy which also involved Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. The Rosenbergs were executed in 1953.

"Give \$89 to Defense

"Perkins said that eminent lawyers and intellectual leaders were becoming convinced that Sobell was innocent and was a victim of mass anti-Communist hysteria.

"He said there was a strong possibility that evidence against Sobell was 'invented' by FBI and police witnesses.

"'It is also possible,' he said, 'that if all the facts were known, it might develop that the Rosenbergs might be guilty but Sobell still be innocent.'

"'The chances for a new trial for Morton Sobell now look bright, but they depend a lot upon people just as you are making yourselves heard on his behalf.'

"The audience contributed \$89 to Sobell's defense."

V. ACTIVITIES OF ORGANIZATION PRIOR
TO REACTIVATION OF SOBELL COMMITTEE

General Activities

[REDACTED]

On June 17, 1953 Confidential Informant [REDACTED] advised that approximately forty-three persons from Wisconsin attended the ROSENBERGS' vigil in Washington, D.C., on June 14, 1953. b7d

On June 19, 1953 [REDACTED] Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company, Milwaukee, furnished a leaflet entitled, "The Provisional Committee To Commute the Death Sentence for the Rosenbergs," which was passed out at the main gate of the Allis-Chalmers Plant on June 17, 1953 and which reads in part as follows: b7d

"Dear Friend:

"It is late -- BUT NOT TOO LATE -- to save the lives of the Rosenbergs who are scheduled to die on June 18, the day of their fourteenth wedding anniversary. THEIR time is growing short, but you still have precious time to do something to save two lives.

"All legal processes are not exhausted. New evidence keeps pouring in. Help them in the name of humanity and human conscience to present this evidence while they still live.

"Pope Pius XII has asked mercy for these parents of two sons. Prof. Malcolm Sharp of the University of Chicago Law School declares the Pope's mercy plea 'has reinforced the criticism made by many Americans of the severity of the sentence' and declares the new evidence now available 'shakes the confidence' in the guilty verdict. Prof. Albert Einstein asks mercy and joins Dr. Harold Urey, Nobel Prize winner and foremost atomic authority, in casting doubt on some of the evidence that convicted the Rosenbergs. Twenty-three hundred Protestant Clergymen and countless Rabbis ask mercy and Americans from coast to coast have appealed to President Eisenhower for clemency.

"WIRE WRITE PRES. EISENHOWER FOR CLEMENCY!"

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Officers

On November 5, 1953 [REDACTED] advised that JOHN GILMAN was Chairman of the Milwaukee Rosenberg-Sobell Committee.

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On March 2, 1955 [REDACTED] advised that DURHAM SWEET was Chairman of the Milwaukee Rosenberg-Sobell Committee.

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On March 2, 1955 [REDACTED] advised that DURHAM SWEET was a member of the Communist Party.

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Stated Aims and Objectives

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On October 17, 1953 [REDACTED] furnished a flyer issued by the Milwaukee Committee in the Rosenberg-Sobell Case, which reads in part as follows:

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"McCARTHY COMES OUT IN THE OPEN:"

"We have stated before that the Rosenberg case was McCarthyism in its most extreme form.

"Why are the McCarthys now trying to revive the whole frameup - and attempting to make a spy out of anyone who happened to be in a class room or had an acquaintance with Julius Rosenberg?

"Why are we being flooded with stories of how 'poor' Judge Kaufman suffered - why are they trying to convince us again and again that the Rosenbergs 'must' have been guilty?

"Why have they hidden the fact that the Rosenbergs never did have their day in court - that the U. S. Supreme Court never reviewed the record of the case - that only three justices in the very last minutes before the execution read the record?

"This plot, based primarily on hysteria and fear and not on evidence, was needed in 1950 to create support for the unpopular Korean war. The McCarthys are trying to work up a war fever again.

"Hundreds of millions of people, including some of America's top atomic scientists such as Dr. Harold Urey, are convinced that the Rosenbergs were the innocent victims of a frame-up. The dignity with which they went to their death convinced millions more.

"And today, not satisfied with the execution of the mother and father, the McCarthyites are hounding the two children, 7 and 11, from their school. Words fail to convey the degradation of this act. Even the MILWAUKEE SENTINEL protests it as inhuman and not in the spirit of Americanism....

"Morton Sobell - Support a New Trial

"Morton Sobell is asking for a new trial where he will testify and bring in new evidence. We ask every worker and every trade union to support fair play, justice and truth by supporting a new trial for Sobell. A new trial will help to defeat McCarthy's new plots against the democratic rights of the American people.

"Any contribution you can make for the Rosenberg children or for the Sobell case will help the struggle against McCarthyism. For more information and material write to the Chicago Committee in the Rosenberg-Sobell Case, 410 S. Michigan, Chicago, Ill."



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
October 8, 1957

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka
National Committee To Secure
Justice in the Rosenberg Case
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The informants utilized in the report of Special Agent Russell D. Jones dated October 8, 1957 at Milwaukee, have furnished reliable information in the past.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the FBI and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

100-107111-2642
[Handwritten signatures and initials]

Director, FBI (100-387835)

October 8, 1957

SAC, Milwaukee (100-11982)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka
National Committee To Secure
Justice in the Rosenberg Case
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference report of SA RUSSELL D. JONES dated October 8, 1957 at Milwaukee, six copies of which are enclosed herewith, together with six copies of an informant evaluation memo. Two copies of instant report and two copies of the informant evaluation memo are also enclosed for the New York Office.

INFORMANTS:

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed, and "T" symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

IDENTITY OF SOURCE	DATE OF ACTIVITY AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF INFORMATION	LOCATION
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2 - New York (100-107111) (Encl. 4) (REG.)
1 - Milwaukee (100-11982)

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INFORMANTS (cont.):

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"	b7d [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
"	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
T-2 - b7d	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
T-3 -	Officers of Sobell Committee	100-11982-200
[REDACTED] Wis. State Bank, 16th & Greenfield, Milwaukee, Wis. (requested)	b7c	
"	Bank account of Sobell Committee	100-11982-200
T-4 -	[REDACTED]	
b7d "	[REDACTED]	
T-5 -	[REDACTED]	
b7d "	[REDACTED]	
T-6 -	[REDACTED]	
"	[REDACTED]	
"	b7d [REDACTED]	

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INFORMANTS (cont.):

<u>IDENTITY OF SOURCE</u>	<u>DATE OF ACTIVITY AND/OR DESCRIPTION OF INFORMATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
T-7 - [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] b7d
T-8 - [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] b7d

Informant documenting the National Committee To Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and the National Committee To Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is [REDACTED] b7d

LEADS:

THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION
AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

Will follow and report activities of the Milwaukee Sobell Committee.

REFERENCES:

Report of SA LORIN L. HEWITT dated April 13, 1953 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Bureau letter to Milwaukee dated August 8, 1957.

This report has been classified "confidential" as it contains information, the unauthorized disclosure of which could be prejudicial to the national security.

SAC, NEW YORK

October 8, 1957

SA JAMES J. MC CARTHY

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Type of Activity:
Location:

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Meeting
Apartment 25, 1363 Wordin Ave.,
Bridgeport, Connecticut
8/21/57
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SA JAMES J. MC CARTHY
Written
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On September 12, 1957, [REDACTED] furnished a written report which stated as follows: b2d

2 - [REDACTED]
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- ① - New York 100-107111 (Committee To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell) (Info.)
- 1 - [REDACTED] (Information)
- 1 - [REDACTED] "
- 1 - New York 100- [REDACTED] (Mrs. Rose Sobell) "

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*On August 24, 1957 a film strip on the Rosenberg & Sobell Story was shown at the home of Paula Masnak, 1363 Herdin Ave. Apt. #25, Bridgeport, Conn. In this group who attended this film showing were three men from Cuba. [REDACTED]

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*For the benefit of those three Paula Masnak gave a brief resume [REDACTED] on what the film would be like. After Paula finished speaking Mrs. Sara Hammond told the rest of the group especially those who had not seen the film before what Rosenberg-Sobell story was all about. She pointed out that the first showing of this film was accompanied with a mimeographed sheet where somebody would narrate from while the film was being shown. But this time a tape recording was being used therefore making the showing that much easier.

*The film strip consisted of many scenes, some of those that were shown are as follows.

1. The Hill of rights
2. The Rosenbergs after being convicted of Espionage
3. Sobell as young boy
4. Sobell having completed his own amateur Radio Station
5. Sobell in school working for his degree as an Electronics Engineer
6. This slide showed where Sobell and family stayed in Mexico before he supposedly was kidnapped and turned over to the F. B. I.
7. Aerial view of Alcatraz
8. Cell block in Alcatraz
9. Sobell's cell
10. Sobell's dog (Mark)
11. Sobell's father (Rose)

NH 100-11203

"After the showing of the film strip Sara Hammond introduced the Mother of Sobell. She spoke very briefly and said she was glad to be present and find so many who were interested in her son's case. After Mrs. Rose Sobell finished speaking a collection was taken by Frank Taylor while refreshments were being made ready to serve. Total collection \$68.00.

"Those who attended this film showing are as follows:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

"No statement was made as to who was the sponsor of this meeting."

NH 100-14203

In addition, on September 23, 1957, [REDACTED] furnished the following descriptions of the individuals listed below, who appeared at the meeting on August 24, 1957:

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 10/10/57

FROM : SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (65-2095)

Cal. 2/11:

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
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Enclosed for your information and disposition you deem appropriate is the following material which was recently furnished to this office by Mr. WILLIAM R. HECHEM, Industrial Relations Manager, Farnsworth Electronics Company, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

1. Letter captioned "Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL" dated July, 1957 to Dear Friend and signed HELEN L. SOBELL.
2. Pamphlet entitled "for an Amicus Curiae Brief on behalf of MORTON SOBELL."
3. Newspaper entitled "That Justice Shall Be Done" dated August 1957 and published by the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL.
4. Business reply envelop addresses to Mrs. MORTON SOBELL, Room D, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York.

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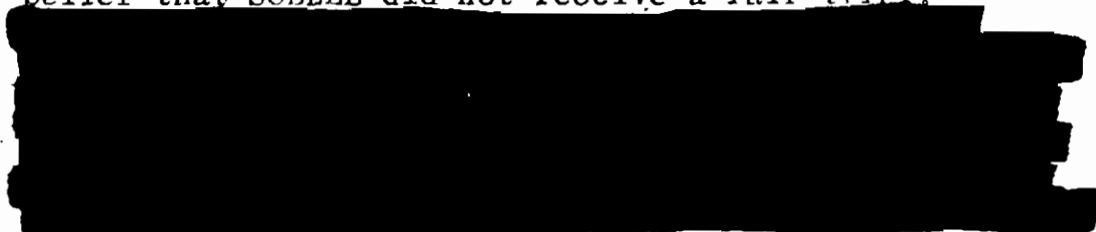
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SYNOPSIS:

Washington Sobell Committee (WSC) has no permanent headquarters and no elected officers. ETHEL WEICHBROD continues as active leader in this organization. SYLVIA BERNSTEIN has been in frequent contact with national headquarters of subject organization. Objectives of WSC are to secure MORTON SOBELL's release from prison through legal action and to sway public opinion to belief that SOBELL did not receive a fair trial.



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On 5/25/57 informant identified WSC as an affiliate of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case. This latter organization has been cited by HCUA in its "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated 1/2/57.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

An asterisk (*) following names of individuals mentioned hereinafter indicates these persons are identified in Section XI, "Identification of Individuals".

For the purpose of brevity, the following organizations are being abbreviated hereinafter:

Washington Sobell Committee	WSC
National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case	NCSJRC
Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell	CSJMS
Communist Party	CP
Communist Political Association	CPA

Both the CP and the CPA have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

I. BACKGROUND

A. NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

The NCSJRC maintains national headquarters in Room D, 940 Broadway, New York City, and the mailbox servicing this office is labeled "Sobell Committee."

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL to thirty years' imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953, and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the U.S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California.

[REDACTED] advised in January, 1952, that

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the NCSJRC was formed on January 2, 1952, for the purpose of obtaining a new trial for the ROSENBERGS.

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Confidential Informant on May 9, 1956, reported that the NCSJRC was attempting to keep alive the ROSENBERG case and to fight for the release of MORTON SOBELL. Informant stated that the CP took an extremely active part in assisting the committee.

B. WASHINGTON SOBELL COMMITTEE

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Confidential Informant on March 7, 1952, reported that the Washington, D.C., chapter of the NCSJRC was at that time operating in the District of Columbia. The informant subsequently identified this group as the "Washington Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case."

Confidential Informant T-3

In September, 1953, Confidential Informant reported that the D.C. group of the NCSJRC, known as the "Rosenberg - Sobell Committee of Washington, D.C.," was becoming active in the District of Columbia for the purpose of vindicating the ROSENBERGS and obtaining the release of MORTON SOBELL.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] b7d

Informant reported on December 30, 1954, that the Washington, D.C., group of the NCSJRC was known at that time as the "Committee for the Release of Morton Sobell."

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] b7d

Confidential Informant on May 21, 1956, made available information reflecting that the name of the D.C. group of the NCSJRC at that time was "Sobell Committee of Washington."

Confidential Informant [REDACTED]

On August 21, 1953, Confidential Informant reported that of the eighteen persons making up the "working" members of the Washington Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case who took part in arranging the activities of this group. [REDACTED] b7d

[REDACTED] Informant added that the activities of this group were controlled by the CP.

This informant reported on December 30, 1954, that the Rosenberg - Sobell Committee of Washington, D.C., must receive approval for its present activities from the national headquarters of the National Rosenberg - Sobell Committee.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED]

On September 25, 1956, Confidential Informant reported that the Sobell Committee of Washington continues to function in the District of Columbia. This informant on the same date made available information reflecting that this organization currently uses the name "Washington Sobell Committee." b7d

II. HEADQUARTERS

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] Informants reported that the WSC has no headquarters at present in the Washington, D.C., area. [REDACTED] b7d

III. OFFICERS

The above Confidential Informants on the date indicated, reported they knew of no duly elected officers of the WSC. Informants stated, however, that ETHEL WEICHBROD*

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has taken an active leadership role during meetings of the WSC.

IV. OBJECTIVES

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Confidential Informant T-7

On February 19, 1957, Confidential Informant made available an opened envelope postmarked New York City, February 13, 1957, bearing the return address Room D, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York, and directed to SYLVIA BERNSTEIN*, 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Springs, Maryland. This envelope contained a mimeographed letter dated February 11, 1957, and carrying the salutation "Dear Friend". This letter contains the mimeographed signature of "HELEN SOBELL*". Across the top of this letter is typed the following: "National Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York."

This letter advised the recipient of the good response being received from prominent individuals throughout the country who are joining in request for Executive action in the case of MORTON SOBELL. This letter states that the argument before the Appeals Court has been set for March 4, and that it is contemplated that the signatures on the requests for Executive action will be produced on the date of the argument. This letter requests the recipient to obtain signatures in this regard.

On March 19, 1957, Confidential Informant made available a three-page mimeographed memorandum dated February 8, 1957, entitled "Sobell Argument Delayed Until March 4, As Sobell's Mexican Attorney Fights For Visa". Page 3 of this memorandum showed that it was prepared by "Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York."

This memorandum states that the United States Court of Appeals postponed until March 4, the argument on

the legal appeals of MORTON SOBELL. This delay resulted from interference by United States State Department with the efforts of SOBELL's Mexican attorney, Dr. LUIS SANCHEZ PONTON, in obtaining a visa. This memorandum in part states as follows: "Dr. LUIS SANCHEZ PONTON is one of the attorneys representing MORTON SOBELL in his legal motions charging that the Prosecution knowingly used perjured testimony to convict him of conspiracy to commit espionage. Dr. PONTON, an authority on international law, was engaged because much of the new evidence concerns events in Mexico. Dr. PONTON was formerly Minister of Education in Mexico, Ambassador to numerous countries, and is now Professor of Law at the University of Mexico.

"Dr. PONTON applied to the United States Embassy in Mexico for a visa to visit the U.S. for professional reasons. He was told to come to the U.S. Embassy on Feb. 1 and his visa would be ready. When he arrived as instructed, he was kept waiting two hours, then ushered in to speak with an official. When the exact nature of his professional services was asked for, Dr. PONTON clearly stated that he was to appear in court in behalf of MORTON SOBELL. It was at this point that the Embassy told Dr. PONTON it would not issue the visa as promised, but would have to conduct an investigation. Dr. PONTON protested that this would interfere with his trip, since he had to be in court on Monday, Feb. 4th. Nevertheless, this visa was withheld.

"Upon learning of these developments, Mrs. MORTON SOBELL* sent telegrams to President EISENHOWER, Attorney General BROWNELL, and Secretary of State JOHN FOSTER DULLES, asking their intervention to see that her husband's right to counsel was not restricted."

This memorandum, in part, further states as follows: "We will continue to keep you informed on all developments. Meanwhile . . . as MORTON SOBELL awaits in Alcatraz during his seventh year of imprisonment . . . we urge that you increase efforts to raise funds for the legal appeals and efforts to further increase the growing public support for a full re-examination of the new evidence in the SOBELL case."

Confidential Informant on May 25, 1957, made available the following described three-page mimeographed letter:

"COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
940 Broadway, New York, N.Y.

"May 21, 1957

"ISSUES IN MORTON SOBELL CASE GOING BEFORE SUPREME COURT

"The MORTON SOBELL case now goes before the United States Supreme Court, which will be asked to review the issues about which increasing numbers of Americans are expressing their deep concern.

"On May 14 three judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals rejected MORTON SOBELL's motions for freedom or a new trial. The decision was written by Judge HAROLD MEDINA, and concurred in by Judges STERRY WATERMAN and CLARENCE GALSTON. Judge MEDINA relied on Judge IRVING KAUFMAN's previous refusal to hold a hearing on the new evidence submitted by MORTON SOBELL to prove his innocence, which he has steadfastly maintained.

"We now have a situation where the new evidence--which admittedly raises issues of deep moral and legal significance--has not been rejected as false. Instead, Judges MEDINA and KAUFMAN contend in their opinions that even if all of the new evidence is valid, they cannot conclude that MORTON SOBELL should be freed or given a new trial.

"We do not believe such reasoning can prevail before the Supreme Court. Certainly in a case of this magnitude (The Columbia Law Review referred to it as the 'outstanding "political trial" of this generation'), it is essential to the public as well as to MORTON SOBELL that the case be carefully examined and new evidence be given a full court hearing.

"Why have the lower courts refused a new trial, and how do they explain it?

"You will recall that a major aspect of the case against SOBELL was the prosecution's attempt to portray SOBELL as a fugitive who had fled to Mexico and was deported by the Mexican government. Several courts have already ruled that the issue of flight was vital to the case. The other aspect was the word of a single witness, MAX ELITCHER, an admitted perjurer who escaped prosecution by testifying against SOBELL.)

"Evidence obtained after intense and prolonged investigation reveals that the prosecution's attempt to prove SOBELL a fugitive was based on fraud. The new evidence consists of:

- "1. Proof that the prosecution kidnapped MORTON SOBELL from Mexico.
- "2. Proof that the prosecution suppressed evidence that would have exposed its illegal acts.
- "3. Proof that the prosecution used these very illegal acts in the trial to make it appear that SOBELL was a fugitive and had to be forced to return--even though the prosecution knew this to be false.
- "4. Proof that the prosecution lied to the jury and the courts by claiming that SOBELL had been legally deported by the Mexican government.
- "5. Proof that U.S. Immigration Inspector HUGGINS knowingly lied when he testified that SOBELL had been deported, and proof that HUGGINS had been told before the trial that this was false.
- "6. Proof that the Mexican government had nothing whatsoever to do with the abduction of SOBELL, and in fact protested to the U.S. authorities.
- "7. Proof that the kidnapping violated our extradition treaty with Mexico and therefore the court lacked the sovereign power to try SOBELL.

"One would think that with such evidence, the first prerequisite for justice would be to hold a full hearing at which witnesses could be examined under oath and the complete story brought to light. That is why the law calls for a hearing in such cases. However, Judges MEDINA and KAUFMAN avoid a hearing by saying as can be seen in the following two examples:

"1. Judge MEDINA recognized that the treaty between the U.S. and Mexico provides rules for extraditing persons accused of certain crimes. But he says that the kidnapping of SOBELL did not violate the treaty because there is no clause in the treaty specifically barring the 'abduction by one party of criminals found in the territory of the other.'*****The reader can judge for himself the immorality of such reasoning. The entire premise of an extradition treaty is to establish between civilized nations rules for extradition to avoid exactly such situations as the kidnapping of SOBELL. For a federal judge to claim that the treaty was not violated because there was no specific anti-kidnapping clause would seem unworthy of our courts and country. Furthermore, for Judge MEDINA to imply that MORTON SOBELL could have been considered a 'criminal' in Mexico even before an arrest, indictment, trial or any legal proceedings whatsoever, is contrary to the American tradition that every man is innocent until proved guilty.

"2. Judge MEDINA holds that, even if SOBELL's charges are true, the 'unlawful and unauthorized acts of Mexican police acting in behalf of subordinate agents of the executive branch of the United States government' were not really acts of the United States, and therefore there was no treaty violation.*****In other words, Judge MEDINA is ruling that unscrupulous prosecutors can conspire with F.B.I. agents, invade the sovereignty of a neighboring country, arrange the kidnapping of a U.S. citizen lawfully visiting that country, bring him to trial, imprison him-- and then evade responsibility by saying that the U.S. government had nothing to do with the matter. How can such a decision stand if our country is to command the respect of our neighboring nations?

"Recent Supreme Court decisions favorable to civil liberties afford every hope that the lower court

'rulings will be reversed--that a full hearing should be ordered into the SOBELL case. Judge KAUFMAN felt that he hoped his denial of a hearing would be the last with 'finality' SOBELL's appeals. However, the issues raised by SOBELL's trial and continued imprisonment at Alcatraz have been far from 'laid to rest.' In past years more and more Americans, many of national prominence, have joined in the request for freedom or a new trial. New evidence continues to be obtained. Even as the Appeals Court was sitting, a document providing further proof of SOBELL's kidnapping came to light, but the Appeals Court refused to consider it.

"Judge KAUFMAN complained that an inordinate amount of time, money, effort and ingenuity had gone into SOBELL's appeals. We say that no amount of energy is 'inordinate' where the freedom of a human being and principles of justice are concerned. We trust that the carrying of the appeals to the Supreme Court will be made possible by the continued interest, moral support, and financial assistance of all who have helped thus far.

"Copies of MORTON SOBELL's appeals and the opinions by Judges MEDINA and KAUFMAN are available on request, as are copies of the verbatim trial transcript and books, articles and speeches on the case."

Confidential Informant on August 10, 1957, made available an open envelope postmarked New York City, August 2, 1957, bearing return address Room D, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York, and addressed to SYLVIA BERNSTEIN*, 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Spring, Maryland. This envelope contained a mimeographed letter dated July 31, 1957, on stationery containing the letterhead "Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell" and containing the mimeographed signature of "TED JACOBS, for the Committee". This letter carries the salutation "Dear Friend" and refers to two enclosed reprints of articles concerning the SOBELL case. This letter points out that the last few weeks have been filled with progress in the SOBELL case, and mentions that the Amicus Brief should be signed and forwarded to the Sobell Committee office by August 28, 1957 in order that the Sobell Committee could meet the deadline for filing with the Supreme Court.

On September 30, 1957, the Confidential Informant made available an open envelope postmarked New York City, August 26, 1957, bearing return address Room 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York, and addressed to ELVIA BERNSTEIN*, 9340 Harvèy Road, Silver Spring, Maryland. This envelope contained a mimeographed letter dated August 26, 1957, on stationery containing the letterhead, "Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York". This letter is as follows:

"Dear Committee Friend:

"It may be that you were one of those who instantly saw the importance and tremendous hope for victory of our present appeal to the Supreme Court. There are many who immediately brought to their friends the need for an expression of public support through our Amicus Brief. We have already received over a thousand signatures from San Francisco. Our mail response has been most enheartening. In union halls, churches, and homes all over our country, meetings are being held and new support is being won.

"The spirit and creative effort which have made this an unprecedented summer have not yet been reflected adequately, however. Certainly in the next few weeks the hearts and minds of our people must produce the response which the entire country awaits.

"We have been given a few days of grace, and we ask that you let us know what you are doing. We now have until September 21 to file our brief.

"Together we have undertaken many projects before to bring about MORTON's freedom. Please do not think of this as just another signature campaign. This can and must be the beginning of victory. Fill out the form enclosed so that we can know what you are doing. Call or write us . . . we are waiting to hear from you."

This mimeographed letter contains the mimeographed signature "HELEN L. SOBELL* (Mrs. MORTON SOBELL)".

The form mentioned in the above letter is as follows:

"PROGRESS REPORT

"(Please fill out and return one copy as quickly as possible)

" _____ Signatures enclosed

" \$ _____ Contributions enclosed

"The following organizations have been asked to act:

- " _____ American Civil Liberties Union
- " _____ American Friends Service Committee
- " _____ Womans International League for Peace and Freedom
- " _____ Union Locals
- " _____ Church Groups
- " _____ Synagogues
- " _____ Legislative Committees
- " _____ Others

"The following prominent citizens have been given information and requested to sign the Amicus Brief:

" _____
" _____

" _____ Pieces of mail have been sent out
" _____ will be out by Sept. 21.

" _____ Telephone calls have been made
" _____ will be made by Sept. 21.

" _____ House parties have been held
" _____ will be held by Sept. 21.

" _____ Other activity
" _____

"Suggestions for more effective action:

"Questions:

"Name
"Address"

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V. MEMBERSHIP

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Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted]

Confidential Informants reported on the date indicated above that the WSC has no formal membership. b7d

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VI. FUNDS

Confidential Informant [redacted]

Information supplied by [redacted] was made available on a confidential basis and should not be made public except through the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. b7d

Confidential Informant reported on March 12, 1957, that ETHEL WEICHBROD* on February 9, 1957, wrote a check for the amount of \$75, payable to "Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell". Informant reported that this check contained check #771 and bore the following handwritten endorsement: "Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell - Helen Sobell*"

Confidential Informant T-10

On February 19, 1957, Confidential Informant made available a record regarding donations, which record had been in the possession of MORRIS CHANSKY*, 7123 9th Street, N.W. This record showed in part as follows:

"DONATIONS

"SOBELL \$100.00"

Confidential Informant T-7

On March 19, 1957, the Confidential Informant made available a three-page mimeographed memorandum dated February 8, 1957, which had been prepared by the "Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York" and which memorandum had been in the possession of the BERNSTEINS*, 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Spring, Maryland. On Page 3 of this memorandum the following in part is set forth:

"We will continue to keep you informed on all developments. Meanwhile . . . as MORTON SOBELL waits in Alcatraz during his seventh year of imprisonment . . . we urge that you increase efforts to raise funds for the legal appeals and efforts to further increase the growing public support for a full re-examination of the new evidence in the SOBELL case."

Confidential Informant T-11

On August 27, 1957, the Confidential Informant made available a one-page printed letter dated "July, 1957", on stationery with the letterhead "Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York." This letter contained the salutation "Dear

"friend", and carried the mimeographed signature of "HELEN L. SOBELL*". Informant reported that this letter had been in the possession of the REINS, 5066 MacArthur Boulevard, N.W., Washington, D.C.

This letter refers to a copy of an Amicus Brief which was enclosed and requests the recipient of this letter to sign the Amicus Brief in connection with the Sobell Committee's appeal to the Supreme Court on September 4. This letter, in part, is as follows:

"This is our moment of greatest hope. Will you act at once by returning your signature and your contribution? Will you then ask your friends for their signatures and their dollars, too?"

The above-described letter contained an Amicus Brief which, in part, states as follows:

"NOW . . .

"By giving a financial contribution with your signature you provide the necessary funds for carrying MORTON SOBELL's appeal to the Supreme Court.

"Will you act - for SOBELL - for justice for America?"

Confidential Informant T-10

On February 19, 1957, Confidential Informant made available copies of the following described items which had been in the possession of MORRIS CHANSKY*, 7123 9th Street, N.W.:

"ETHEL AND JULIUS ROSENBERG
MEMORIAL CERTIFICATE
June 19, 1953 - June 19, 1954
'Never let them change the truth
of our innocence . . .
CONTRIBUTED IN THE NAME OF

"Issued by:
THE NATIONAL ROSENBERG-SOBELL COMMITTEE
1050 SIXTH AVENUE, New York 18, N. Y."

The above-mentioned certificates were for the amounts of \$5, \$10, and \$25. These certificates did not show the name of the contributor.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted]

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VII. CONNECTIONS WITH NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Confidential Informant T-7,

On February 19, 1957, Confidential Informant made available an open envelope postmarked New York City, February 13, 1957, bearing return address Room D, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York, and addressed to SYLVIA BERNSTEIN*, 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Springs, Maryland. This envelope contained a mimeographed letter dated February 11, 1957, on stationery identified as the "National Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York,"

and carries the mimeographed signature of "HELEN SOBELL*". This letter carries the salutation "Dear Friend" and advises the recipient of the good response being received from prominent individuals throughout the country who are joining the request for Executive action in the case of MORTON SOBELL. This letter states that the argument before the Appeals Court has been set for March 4, and that it is contemplated that the signatures on the request for Executive action will be produced on the date of the argument. This letter requests the recipient to obtain signatures in this regard.

On March 19, 1957, the Confidential Informant made available a three-page mimeographed memorandum dated February 8, 1957, prepared by the CSJMS and which had been in the possession of the BERNSTEINs*, 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Spring, Maryland. This memorandum reports regarding the legal appeals in connection with the SOBELL case and urges the recipient to increase his efforts to raise funds for the legal appeals in this case.

On March 27, 1957, Confidential Informant made available a mimeographed memorandum dated March 5, 1957, prepared by the CSJMS, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York. This memorandum, containing the mimeographed signature of "TED JACOBS, for the Committee" reports regarding the legal appeals for MORTON SOBELL before the United States Court of Appeals. This letter, in part, is as follows: "We have every expectation of carrying the case to new heights during the next few months with your continued devotion and cooperation".

On April 29, 1957, the Confidential Informant made available the following one-page flyer, which had been in the possession of the BERNSTEINs*, 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Spring, Maryland:

"What nights
Will you show
The stirring new
Film Strip on
the Rosenberg-Sobell Case
In your neighborhood?"

"Was
Justice
Done?"

"Why didn't you tell us it was so effective?"

"It presents the entire Rosenberg-Sobell story in picture form that everyone can understand."

--San Francisco"

"It had a tremendous impact."

--Cleveland"

"This is the most effective means of educating people and raising funds for the Sobell case. I am willing to help in every way I can."

--New York businessman"

"Be the first to show it in your neighborhood... A simple film strip projector rented for a few dollars shows the pictures...An ordinary tape recorder plays the gripping commentary recorded by a professional announcer...An effective way to raise funds for the Sobell case."

Sobell Committee
940 Broadway
New York City

Send me a copy of the film strip and the tape recorded narration.

"Fill Out

I plan showings on the following dates _____, _____, _____

And Mail

I need help in getting a projector and tape recorder.

At Once

Name _____

Address _____

City _____"

Informant on April 29, 1957, made available a copy of a press release prepared by the CSJMS, 940 Broadway,

New York 10, New York, "From the desk of: TED JACOBS*". This press release carries the dateline New York, April 11, and is entitled "Mexico Migration Department Says It Did Not Expell MORTON SOBELL". This article contains the subcaption "Letter Filed With Appeals Court In Request For Hearing Refutes Prosecution On Key Point In Case."

On May 25, 1957, Confidential Informant made available an open envelope postmarked New York City, May 22, 1957, from Room D, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York, and addressed to SYLVIA BERNSTEIN*, 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Springs, Maryland. This envelope contained a three-page mimeographed Progress Report dated May 21, 1957, prepared by the CSJMC, 940 Broadway, New York, New York, concerning legal action being taken by the CSJMS in regard to the SOBELL case.

On August 23, 1957, Confidential Informant made available the following printed sheet, which had been in the possession of the BERNSTEINS*, 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Spring, Maryland:

"Dear

"MORTON SOBELL's motion for a new trial will be filed with the United States Supreme Court on September 4.

"I am so impressed with the importance of this action that I appeal to you, directly, to add your name and contribution as I am doing, and to help this brief with the signatures of others.

"Recent decisions of the Supreme Court indicate that the SOBELL case has never been in a more vital or hopeful position (legal). I know that you will do what you can to see that justice is done.

"Sincerely,

"IMPORTANT: Please note that the contemplated brief must be returned to the Sobell Committee NO LATER THAN AUGUST 26, 1957."

Confidential Informant on August 10, 1957, made available an open envelope postmarked New York City, August 2, 1957, from Room D, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York, and

directed to SYLVIA BERNSTEIN*, 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Springs, Maryland. This envelope contained a mimeographed letter dated July 31, 1957, on stationery with letterhead of the CSJMS, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York. This letter carries the salutation "Dear Friend" and contains the mimeographed signature of "TED JACOBS, for the Committee". This letter refers to two enclosed reprints of articles concerning the SOBELL case. The recipient of this letter is reminded that the Amicus Brief must be returned to the CSJMS by August 28, so that office could meet the deadline for filing with the Supreme Court.

On September 30, 1957, Confidential Informant made available an open envelope postmarked New York City, August 26, 1957, from Room D, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York, and directed to SYLVIA BERNSTEIN*, 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Springs, Maryland. This envelope contained a mimeographed letter dated August 26, 1957, from the CSJMS, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York. This letter carries the salutation "Dear Committee Friend" and is signed with the mimeographed signature of "HELEN L. SOBELL* (Mrs. MORTON SOBELL)". This letter urges the recipient to support the drive to obtain signatures on the Amicus Brief, adding that the CSJMS has until September 21, to file this brief. This letter, in part, is as follows:

"Together we have undertaken many projects before to bring about MORTON's freedom. Please do not think of this as just another signature campaign. This can and must be the beginning of victory."

Confidential Informant T-11

Confidential Informant on August 27, 1957, made available a printed letter dated July, 1957, prepared by the CSJMS, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York. This letter carries the salutation "Dear Friend" and contains the mimeographed signature of "HELEN L. SOBELL*". Informant reported this letter had been in the possession of the REINS*, 5066 MacArthur Boulevard, N.W., Washington, D.C. This letter reports progress being made in connection with attempting to have the United States Supreme Court review the SOBELL case. This letter, in part, is as follows:

"This is our moment of greatest hope. Will you act at once by returning your signature and your contribution? Will you then ask your friends for their signatures and their dollars too?"

On August 27, 1957, Confidential Informant made available a four-page newspaper dated August, 1957, captioned ". . . That Justice Shall Be Done", published by the Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell. Informant reported that this paper had been in the possession of the REINs*, 5066 Mac Arthur Boulevard, N.W. This paper contains numerous articles concerning the SOBELL case.

Confidential Informant [redacted]

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VIII. ACTIVITY

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Confidential Informant [redacted]

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B. WSC MEETING APRIL 27, 1957

Confidential Informant T-7

On April 24, 1957, Confidential Informant made available the following handwritten invitation: "We are having a few people over Saturday nite to see an exciting new film strip on the SOBELL case. Won't you join us?"

"S/ETHEL W--
8321 TD
Sat., April 27
9:00 P.M."

Confidential Informant T-12

On April 21, 1957, Confidential Informant made available an invitation identical to the one noted above,

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except it was typewritten and contained the typewritten name of ETHEL WEICHBROD* and her address as 8321 Tahona Drive (Silver Spring, Maryland).

Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted]
Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted]

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED]

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Special Agents (SAs) of the FBI at the time noted below observed the following individuals enter the residence located at 8321 Tahoma Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland, on Saturday, April 27, 1957:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Individual Observed</u>
9:30 p.m.	ELDRIDGE BROWN
9:30 p.m.	HELEN BROWN
9:55 p.m.	GERTRUDE EVANS*
9:55 p.m.	HELEN SOBELL*
8:35 p.m.	JOSEPH WEICHBROD*

At 12:40 a.m., April 28, 1957, SAs of the FBI observed HELEN SOBELL* and GERTRUDE EVANS* leaving together

the residence located at 8321st Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland.

The "Daily Worker", an east coast Communist daily newspaper, in its edition of April 11, 1957, page 6, columns one and two, contained an article entitled "A Dramatic Film Strip - Rosenberg-Sobell Case", as follows:

"There have been hundreds of thousands of words written and spoken about the Rosenberg-Sobell trial. Now - for the first time - it is possible to see the filmed picture-story of the case.

"A dramatic film strip, titled 'Was Justice Done?' has been produced by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. It is a half-hour showing, with a recorded commentary.

"The film strip medium has become increasingly popular in the field of documentaries. In this instance, the Sobell committee has used the technique with impact and drama to tell one of the most important stories of our times.

"There are more than 100 pictures assembled in story form, beginning with the development of the case, and continuing through the growing public appeal

"Information on how you can have a showing of the film strip on the Rosenberg-Sobell case can be obtained from the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City.

"for the freedom of MORTON SOBELL.

"There are pictures of the principles, the prosecutors, the judge, the witnesses, set in a framework that reflects the temper of the times. There are scenes the world will never forget - the mass meetings, the vigil at the White House, the demonstrations here and abroad, the grieving mother of JULIUS ROSENBERG, HELEN and ROSE SOBELL

"traveling the country to obtain SOBELL's freedom. There are the new evidence documents now before the court in SOBELL's appeals, pictures of famous Americans speaking out on the case, pictures of SACCO and VANZETTI, and MOONEY and BILLINGS that will evoke the memories of many who fought in those cases.

"While the film strip is composed of individual photographs, an impression of movement is created by the swift pace. Each picture is accompanied by a terse commentary that is part of a dramatic narrative, expertly spoken by a radio and T Vannouncer. Musical background punctuates some of the high points.

"Although the film strip was released only recently, it has already been shown in California, Illinois, Ohio, Missouri, Florida and New York. Some 40 copies of the film strip are now in circulation. They are available for showing in people's homes, as well as in public halls."

VIII. LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION

Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted]
Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted]

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED]

On February 27, 1957, Confidential Informant made available the booklet entitled "You, Who Love Life", described as a book of poems by HELEN SOBELL* and lithographs by ROCKWELL KENT. This booklet was copyrighted by HELEN SOBELL* in 1956 and published by Sydmar Press, 30 Charlton Street, New York 14, New York.

X. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] b7d

Confidential Informant advised on May 25, 1957, the Washington Sobell Committee (WSC) continues to function in the District of Columbia and is the current affiliate of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case. This latter organization is cited by the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" prepared by the Committee on Un-American Activities dated January 2, 1957, as follows:

- "1. Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL, the ROSENBERGS' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case - a communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were DANIEL MARSHALL and JOSEPH BRAININ.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National

Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)"

XI. IDENTIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS

The following is an identification of those individuals mentioned heretofore and identified by an asterisk (*) following their names:

AL BERNSTEIN

Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted] identified AL BERNSTEIN as a current member of the CP.

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SYLVIA BERNSTEIN

Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted] identified SYLVIA BERNSTEIN as a current member of the CP.

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ABE BLOOM

Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted] stated that while ABE BLOOM is unknown to the informant as a current CP member, BLOOM does support CP policies.

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GERTRUDE EVANS

Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted] identified GERTRUDE EVANS as a current member of the CP.

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FLORENCE FORER

[redacted]

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CLARENCE GUREWITZ, also known as CASEY

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HELEN GUREWITZ

[REDACTED]

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Dr. AL HENLEY

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] identified ALFRED HENLEY as known [REDACTED] to be a CP member [REDACTED]

TED JACOBS

It is to be noted that the "Daily Worker", in its edition of October 20, 1954, page 3, columns 1 - 3, contained an article "Rosenberg Committee Harassed by Gov't with Phoney Tax Lien", in which TED JACOBS is described as the Public Relations Director of the Rosenberg-Sobell Committee.

SELMA SAMOLS

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] identified SELMA SAMOLS as a current CP member.

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AL SHERMAN

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] identified AL SHERMAN as a member of the CP in the District of Columbia [REDACTED]

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CHARLES SKLAR

Confidential Informant [redacted] stated that CHARLES SKLAR had been a member of the CP, according to information received by this informant, but that informant was unable to state so from personal knowledge.

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SARA SKLAR

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that SARA SKLAR was dropped from the CP [redacted]

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ADELE SMITH

Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted] advised that ADELE SMITH was a member of the CP in the District of Columbia [redacted]

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HELEN LEVITOV GUREWITZ SOBELL, also known as Mrs. MORTON SOBELL

Confidential Informant [redacted] described HELEN LEVITOV as a member of the CP in Washington, D. C., at one time.

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[redacted] on [redacted] identified HELEN GUREWITZ as a member of the Education and Literature Committee of the CP, Washington, D.C., as of [redacted]

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ETHEL WEICHBROD

Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted] identified ETHEL WEICHBROD as a current CP member.

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JOSEPH WEICHBROD

Confidential Informant [redacted] in [redacted] reported he had learned from a CP member that JOSEPH WEICHBROD had admitted CP membership.

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LARRY ZIECHECK

Confidential Informant [redacted] on [redacted]

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identified LARRY ZIECHECK as a current CP member.

SHIRLEY ZIECHECK

In [REDACTED] advised that SHIRLEY ZIECHECK was a member [REDACTED] of the CP. b7d

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

Washington, D.C.
October 16, 1957

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Carroll M. Garnett, dated October 16, 1957, at Washington, D.C., in captioned matter.

Confidential Informants T-4, T-7, T-9, T-10, T-11, and T-12, contained in this report, have been in a position to furnish reliable information.

All of the other Confidential Informants contained in this report have furnished reliable information in the past.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

10/16 /57

SAC, WFO (100-25474)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka
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Enclosed to the Bureau are six copies of the report of SA CARROLL M. GARNETT dated 10/16 /57 at Washington, D.C., accompanied by six copies of an evaluation memorandum dated 10/16 /57.

The New York Office is being supplied two copies of the report, as well as two copies of the evaluation memorandum.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

This report has been classified ~~confidential~~, inasmuch as a disclosure of information contained therein would affect the national security.

The following SAs of the WFO observed the indicated individuals enter the residence of JOSEPH and ETHEL WEICHBROD, 8321 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland, on Saturday, April 27, 1957:

Agents Observing

Individuals Observed

SA DAVID P. HURLEY

JOSEPH WEICHBROD

SA CARROLL M. GARNETT)
SA DAVID P. HURLEY)
SA JOSEPH A. CONNORS, JR.)

ELDRIDGE BROWN
HELEN BROWN

SA CARROLL M. GARNETT)
SA RAYMOND L. O'KELLY)
SA DAVID P. HURLEY)
SA JOSEPH A. CONNORS, JR.)

HELEN SOBELL
GERTRUDE EVANS

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- 2 - WFO
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INFORMANTS

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Thumbnail of Rosenberg-Sobell Committee, Washington, D.C.

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(by request)

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INFORMANTS (CONTINUED)

Identity of Informant	Date of Activity or Description of Information	File Number Where Located
T-6	[REDACTED]	
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T-7 Trash cover maintained on the residence of SYLVIA BERNSTEIN, 2340 Harvey Road, Silver Spring, Maryland	Made available envelope and letter dated 2/11/57 addressed to SYLVIA BERNSTEIN and from the WCEJMS	100-25474-1B3 (23)
	Made available memorandum dated 2/8/57	100-25474-1B3- (25)
	Made available mimeographed letter dated 3/5/57 from CSJMS	100-25474-1B3 (26)
	Made available press release dated 4/11/57 captioned "Mexico Migration Department Says It Did Not Expel MORTON SOBELL".	100-25474-1B3 (31)
	Made available announcement regarding WSC meeting 4/27/57.	100-25474-1B3 (28)
	Made available letter dated 5/21/57 to SYLVIA BERNSTEIN from CSJMS	100-25474-1B3 (32)
	Made available letter dated 7/31/57 to SYLVIA BERNSTEIN from CSJMS.	100-25474-1B3 (36)

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T-7 (Continued)

Made available letter dated 8/26/57 from CSJMS to SYLVIA BERNSTEIN

100-25474-1B3 (37)

Made available flyer regarding film strip on SOBELL case.

100-25474-1B3 (30)

Made available printed form regarding MORTON SOBELL's motion for a new trial.

100-25474-1B3 (33)

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100-25474-1216

[REDACTED]

100-25474-1B3 (22)

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Citizens Bank of Takoma Park, Takoma Park, Maryland (by request)

INFORMANTS (CONTINUED)

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T-10 Trash cover maintained on residence of MORRIS CHANNAY, 7120 9th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.	Made available records regarding donations.	100-25474-1201
	Made available Rosenberg Memorial Certificates which had been in the possession of MORRIS CHANNAY.	100-25474-1B3-24
T-11 Trash cover maintained on residence of SELMA REIN, 5085 MacArthur Blvd., N.W., Washington, D.C.	Made available letter dated July, 1957, from CSJMS.	100-25474-1B3 (35)
	Made available newspaper " . . . That Justice Shall Be Done."	100-25474-1B3 (34)
T-12 Anonymous		
T-13 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
T-14 [REDACTED]		
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THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will continue to cover the activities of the WSC.

REFERENCE

Report of SA CARROLL H. GARDNER dated 3/4/57 at Washington, D.C.

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Baltimore, Maryland

October 23, 1957

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO
SECURE JUSTICE IN THE
ROSENBERG CASE, aka.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

All informants mentioned in the report of SA LOUIS S. LEAR dated October 23, 1957, have furnished reliable information in the past.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO
SECURE JUSTICE IN THE
ROSENBERG CASE, aka.
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
OO: NEW YORK

Re report of A LOUIS S. LEAR dated 10/23/57 at Baltimore
and accompanying blank memo copies of which are enclosed.

Informants in this report are:

Identity of Source	Date of Activity And/or Description of Information	Date Received	Agent to whom Furnished	File Number where Located
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REFERENCE: Report of SA BERNARD P. HORTON dated 4/9/57 at Baltimore.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

10/23/57

SAC, BALTIMORE (100-152419)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO
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ROSENBERG CASE, aka.
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
OO: NEW YORK

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REFERENCE: Report of SA BERNARD F. MORTON dated 4/9/57 at Baltimore.

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SEPTEMBER 21, 1957
125 HOMESTEAD ST.
ROXBURY, MASS.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
470 ATLANTIC AVENUE
BOSTON, MASS.

DEAR SIRs:

ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND A COPY OF
THE NEWSPAPER WHICH WAS BEING DISTRIBUTED AT THE M.T.A.
STATION AT EGGLESTON SQUARE ON THE MORNING OF SEPT. 20TH.
IT WAS FOLDED SO THAT ONLY THE PICTURE AT THE UPPER LEFT
HAND CORNER WAS SHOWING AND WAS AT FIRST MISTAKEN FOR
AN ELECTION CAMPAIGN CIRCULAR.

I HOPE THAT THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN OF
ASSISTANCE IN YOUR WORK.

SINCERELY YOURS,

Morton Sobell

Beatrice Angel

(MRS. BYRON F. ANGEL)

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2664	10/28/57	NY MEMO TO FILE	1	1	
2664	10/28/57	copy of MEMO	1	1	DUPE 1
2665	10/28/57	NY letter to HQ	10	10	
2665	10/28/57	copy of letter	10	10	DUPE 10
2666	10/29/57	SA letter to SAC	2	2	
2667	10/30/57	NY letter to CG	3	3	See NY file 100-109849
2668	11/7/57	SA letter to NY	3	0	
2669	11/7/57	SA letter to NY	2	0	
2670	11/8/57	SA letter to NY	1	1	
2671	11/8/57	SA letter to NY	3	0	
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SYNOPSIS:

The National Headquarters of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell maintains offices at Room D, 940 Broadway, NYC, and the mail box servicing this organization is labeled "Sobell Committee". Officers of record are listed as HELEN L. SOFELL, President, and JENNIE RATNER, Secretary-Treasurer. Informants have advised that the Committee has local "Sobell Committee" affiliates in many major cities throughout the US which engage in fund raising affairs. Objectives of committee, according to informants, are to secure a new trial for MORTON SOBELL, to protest the innocence of the ROSENBERGS, who were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, N.Y., on 6/19/53, and to embarrass the US before the world.

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DETAILS:

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Committee To Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case:

- "1. Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June, 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell,' the Rosenberg's codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case -- a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States -- was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were Daniel Marshall and Joseph Brainin.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p.30.)"

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The Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell will be referred to herein as the CSJMS. The National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee and the Sobell Committee will be referred to herein as the NCSJMS, the NRSC and the SC, respectively.

Headquarters

The August, 1957, issue of a four page tabloid-type newspaper published by the CSJMS entitled, "That Justice Shall Be Done" lists its official address as:

National Committee to Secure Justice
for Morton Sobell
940 Broadway
New York, New York
Telephone Number AL 4-9983

On October 15, 1957 the name "Sobell Committee" was observed by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to be listed on the building directory and on a mail box, both maintained in an entrance to the building at 940 Broadway and indicating that the Sobell Committee occupied Room D at that address.

Adjuncts

The August, 1957, issue of a four page tabloid-type newspaper published by the CSJMS entitled, "That Justice Shall Be Done" lists the following adjunct committees:

1. National Committee to Secure Justice
for Morton Sobell
940 Broadway
New York City, New York
Telephone Number AL 4-9983

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2. Los Angeles Sobell Committee
468 North Western Avenue
Los Angeles, California
Telephone Number Hollywood 4-4725
3. Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees
345 Franklin
San Francisco, California
Telephone Number UN 1-1334
4. Chicago Sobell Committee
20 West Jackson
Chicago, Illinois
Telephone Number WEBster 9-5992
5. Syracuse Sobell Committee
1009 Cumberland Avenue
Syracuse, New York
Telephone Number 722406
6. St. Louis Sobell Committee
3715 Lasalle Street
St. Louis, Missouri
Telephone Number PRespect 1-8540

National Organization

██████████ advised on September 26, 1957, that the President of the CSJMS or Sobell Committee was, at that time, HELEN L. SOBELL, and that JENNIE RATNER was Secretary-Treasurer. ██████████ said that all checks issued by the SC, which listed its business purpose as "To Secure Justice for Morton Sobell", had to be signed by both officers. b7D

It is to be pointed out that the information received from this source cannot be made public except in the usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

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██████████ advised on May 7, 1957, that a group which identified itself as the SC, planned a boat ride and picnic to Bear Mountain State Park, New York, on May 26, 1957. ██████████ said that Mrs. LEAH SCHNEIDER was the secretary of the group, Mr. TED JACOBS was in charge of organization and that the principal officers were HELEN L. SOBELL and JENNIE RATNER. b7D

██████████ advised on October 11, 1957, that as of that date the National Office of the CSJMS, which in conversation and on some of the press releases is referred to as the "Sobell Committee", has its main office in Room D. of 940 Broadway, New York City. According to ██████████ all the funds and mail from affiliated Sobell Committees are received there.

██████████ advised that ██████████ had overheard in casual conversation, ██████████ that the CSJMS National Committee is composed of "VIPs" (Very Important Persons) and lawyers who are merely nominal and only lend their name to the cause. b7D

██████████ advised that LEAH SCHNEIDER is the Office Manager and handles all the correspondence, ██████████

██████████ advised that literature was prepared at the National Headquarters by TED JACOBS and from there it was sent all over the country to local committees. b7D

██████████ advised on May 14, 1957, that ██████████ TED JACOBS ██████████

██████████ stated that the support for the SOBELL case should be kept on a personal basis with each group making up their own minds as to how they should contribute; that the CSJMS has no dues or membership, that the SOBELL case should be kept free of the ROSENBERG case; and, that committees should be kept loose, expanding in all directions, and not be bogged down in any one section. b7D

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[redacted] advised on May 6, 1957, that the Headquarters of the CSJMS as of May 2, 1957, was: Room D, 940 Broadway, New York City. b7D

[redacted] advised that the office was shabby, cluttered with stacks of literature and that in the open were printing machines and materials for designing, drawing and printing. [redacted] said [redacted] b7D

[redacted] advised that there were only two full-time paid workers for the committee, LEAH, who handled the organizational work, and a young man who does most of the writing and designing, named TED. b7D

[redacted] advised during late May, 1957, that DAN MARSHALL of Los Angeles was the co-Chairman of the National Committee of the CSJMS. b2

[redacted] an admitted member of the Communist Party and Communist Political Association from [redacted] on [redacted], identified HELEN GUREWITZ (HELEN SOBELL, Mrs. MORTON SOBELL), as a member [redacted] of the Communist Party [redacted] b7D

[redacted] advised on June 10, 1955, that JENNIE RATNER had stated publicly and [redacted] on various occasions, that she, (RATNER) was a member of the Communist Party. b7D

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[REDACTED] advised during February, 1951, that among the persons present at a Communist Party meeting [REDACTED] was LEAH SCHNEIDER and her husband, and she added that the SCHNEIDERS appeared to be the Communist Party leaders at the meeting. b7D

[REDACTED] advised on November 7, 1956, that a photograph of WILLIAM WOLF was identical to an individual whom the informant knew to be TED (THEODORE) JACOBS of the CSJMS. b2

[REDACTED] advised on December 18, 1956, that WILLIAM WOLF was "an old party hack" who was active in the Youth Movement in the Communist Party. b7D

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had not heard WOLF referred to as "TED JACOBS". b7D

[REDACTED] advised that DANIEL MARSHALL from Los Angeles, California, was formerly President of the Los Angeles Branch of the National Lawyers Guild (see Appendix), has spoken at numerous front group meetings in the past and has followed the Communist Party line. b7D

Purposes of Organization

[REDACTED] made available on June 5, 1957, a letter from the CSJMS dated May 21, 1957, entitled "Issues in the Morton Sobell Case Going Before Supreme Court", which is summarized as follows: b7D

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"The Morton Sobell case goes before the United States Supreme Court, which will be asked to review the issues about which increasing numbers of Americans are expressing their deep concern.

"On May 14 three judges of the United States Court of Appeals rejected Morton Sobell's motion for freedom or a new trial. The decision was written by Judge Harold Medina and concurred in by Judges Sterry Waterman and Clarence Galston. Judge Medina relied on Judge Irving Kaufman's previous refusal to holding a hearing on the new evidence submitted by Morton Sobell to prove his innocence, which he has steadfastly maintained.

"We now have a situation wherein new evidence--- which admittedly raises issues of deep moral and legal significance --- has not been revoked as false. Instead, Judges Medina and Kaufman contend in their opinions that even if all of the new evidence is valid they cannot conclude that Morton Sobell should be freed or given a new trial --- .

"Evidence obtained after intense and prolonged investigation reveals that the prosecution's attempt to prove Sobell a fugitive was based on fraud. The new evidence consists of: 1) Proving that the prosecution kidnapped Morton Sobell from Mexico. 2) Proof that the prosecution suppressed evidence that would have exposed those illegal acts. 3) Proof that the prosecution used very illegal acts in the trial to make it appear that Sobell was a fugitive and had to be forced to return -- even though the prosecution knew this to be false. 4) Proof that the prosecution lied to the jury and the courts by claiming that Sobell had been legally deported by the Mexican Government. 5) Proof that United States Immigration Inspector Huggins knowingly lied when he testified that Sobell had been deported, and proof that Huggins had been told before the trial that this was false. 6) Proof that the Mexican Government

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"had nothing whatever to do with the abduction of Sobell and in fact protested to the United States authorities.
7) Proof that the kidnapping violated our extradition treaty with Mexico and therefore the court lacked the sovereign power to try Sobell ---.

"Judge Kaufman complained that an 'inordinate amount of time, money, effort and ingenuity' had gone into Sobell's appeals. We say that no amount of energy is 'inordinate' where the freedom of a human being and the principles of justice are concerned. We trust that the carrying of the appeals to the Supreme Court will be made possible by the continued interest, moral support, and financial assistance of all who have helped thus far".

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] concern was expressed [REDACTED] over the fact that the signature campaign was being conducted more successfully outside the New York City area where there was general apathy.

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[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that HELEN SOBELL [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that the committee was petitioning the Supreme Court of the United States to either free MORTON SOBELL or grant him a new trial on the grounds of fraud on the part of the prosecution witnesses, violation of the United States-Mexico Treaty which cancels out the conviction because of kidnapping by United States agents, and, the prejudiced manner of conduct on the part of the Judge. [REDACTED] advised that HELEN SOBELL gave a speech attacking the trial and conviction of her husband.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] meeting of Sobell Committees was held [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that a discussion was held about ways to disseminate the Amicus Curiae briefs more widely and how more people could be approached to sign and pledge money for the brief. [REDACTED] said that assistance would be asked from outside sources, such as clubs and organizations, and that a committee would be formed to contact progressive labor unions. b7D

[REDACTED] advised on May 9, 1956, that the NCSJRC was attempting to keep alive the ROSENBERG case and to fight for the release of MORTON SOBELL. b7D

[REDACTED] advised on May 6, 1957, that [REDACTED] stated on [REDACTED] that the committee was trying to do more than win the SOBELL case and free SOBELL from prison in that they desired to embarrass the United States Government before the world and make it look like the prosecution of SOBELL was an injustice. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] stated that few of the persons engaged in committee work, nation-wide, ever saw SOBELL. b7D

[REDACTED] advised on March 28, 1957, that the aims and objectives of the SOBELL Committee continued to be to secure a new trial for MORTON SOBELL, to effect his transfer from Alcatraz to another federal penitentiary, to discredit the evidence used by the Government against JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and to stimulate greater public interest in the SOBELL cause. b7D

Finances

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that HELEN SOBELL [REDACTED] stated that \$3,614.14 had been collected in conjunction with the current signature drive. [REDACTED] b7D

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[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] the opinion was expressed that this fund drive would raise between twelve and fifteen thousand dollars, instead of the originally announced goal of ten thousand dollars.

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[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] SOBELL spoke at a meeting in [REDACTED] at which time she stated that the committee expenses were approximately \$4,000 a month; that the filing of a new brief would cost approximately \$10,000, and that to raise this sum an Amicus Curiae brief would be submitted with 10,000 signatures on it and if they succeeded in getting \$1.00 with each signature, they would raise the necessary funds.

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██████████ advised on June 5, 1957, that the CSJMS had sponsored an excursion trip by boat up the Hudson River from New York City to Bear Mountain State Park on May 26, 1957, during which trip a film strip concerning the SOBELL case was shown and a raffle of tickets to a play currently in New York City was held, both in order to raise funds for this cause.

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██████████ advised on March 27, 1957, that the CSJMS had a bank balance as of March 26, 1957, of \$22.76.

██████████ advised on April 26, 1957, that the CSJMS had a bank balance as of April 26, 1957, of \$369.41.

██████████ advised on May 27, 1957, that the CSJMS had a bank balance as of May 27, 1957, of \$1,163.44.

██████████ advised on June 26, 1957, that the CSJMS had a bank balance as of June 25, 1957, of \$798.67.

██████████ advised on July 29, 1957, that the CSJMS had a bank balance as of July 29, 1957, of \$805.05.

██████████ advised on August 27, 1957, that the CSJMS had a bank balance as of August 26, 1957, of \$1,102.30.

██████████ advised on September 26, 1957, that the CSJMS had a bank balance as of September 26, 1957, of \$534.51.

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Literature

██████████ made available on July 17, 1957, the August, 1957 issue of a four page tabloid-type newspaper published by the CSJMS, which newspaper is entitled, "That Justice Shall Be Done".

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This publication, written in newspaper style, contains the following articles:

Page 1

- A. New Supreme Court Ruling Provide Grounds For Review of Sobell Case
- B. Eminent Americans Appeal to President - Elmer Davis, Culbert Olson, Linus Pauling, Lewis Mumford.
- C. Morton Sobell Case Going To Supreme Court This Fall
- D. Waiting For Justice - A Mother, A Wife, A Son

Page 2

- A. Notables Urge President To Act In Sobell Case - A Partial Listing Of Persons Signing An Appeal To The President For a New Trial And/or Executive Pardon. This list is divided into judges, lawyers, ministers, rabbis, educators, writers and other eminent signers.
- B. Pablo Casals Joins Appeal For Sobell
- C. Full Measure- A Poem By Helen Sobell
- D. Professor Sharp's Book Praised By Lord Russell in Law Review.

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- A. Supreme Court Can Order New Trial On Any of these Grounds - Prosecution was Guilty of Fraud - FBI Kidnapping Violated Treaty with Mexico - Judge and Prosecutor Prejudice.

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- B. I Believe History's Verdict Will Be Innocent, Says Civil Liberties Attorney Royal W. France.
- C. Will Supreme Court Tolerate Kidnapping?

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- A. Sobell Film Story for Showing in your Home.
- B. Public Opinion Speaks
- C. You Can Help Take the Sobell Case to the Supreme Court - Amicus Curiae brief.
- D. Contact Committee Near You

██████████ made available on May 29, 1957, a four page mimeographed bulletin dated March, 1957, captioned "The Sobell Case Across The Country" issued by the CSJMS. This bulletin, which contains short one paragraph summaries, describes the activities of various Sobell committees as well as items of interest to the Sobell Committee. This bulletin contains the following pertinent information:

A. United States Court of Appeals is now deciding on whether to grant a new trial and if negative, the decision can be appealed through the Supreme Court.

B. Dr. Luis Sanchez Ponton is working on the case in Mexico City and he refutes the claim that Sobell was legally deported. (See below re PONTON).

C. Publicity forced the State Department to grant Ponton a visa to visit the United States to help in the Sobell appeal.

D. Many prominent persons are signing an appeal to President Eisenhower for Morton Sobell's freedom or a new trial.

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E. Plans are being made to secure ads for the committee in many newspapers.

F. A film strip on the Rosenberg-Sobell case has been shown in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco and St. Louis, and can be secured from the National Office.

G. Los Angeles recorded commentary for the above film strip for use with a tape recording machine.

H. Los Angeles held a successful \$100 per plate dinner and a public meeting, although Senator LANGER was unable to attend.

I. New York held two receptions for Dr. Ponton, numerous showings of the film strip and have even raised money by thrift sales.

J. Two prominent San Francisco clergymen attended a conference sponsored by the Bay Area Committee.

K. Haven Perkins, Sobell Committee Mid-West Representative, has been visiting universities, newspapers, unions, etc.

L. Seattle sent two persons to the dinner in Los Angeles -- Tucson contributed \$175.00 to Los Angeles. --- Portland contributed \$160.00 to the National Office --- Chicago has increased its financial support -- six gatherings held in Boston --- Rose Sobell, mother of Morton, visited Florida -- Syracuse sends a monthly contribution to the National Office.

██████████ advised on August 28, 1957, that Dr. LUIS SANCHEZ PONTON was a noted educator who has considerable prestige among Mexican liberals; that PONTON was reportedly Mexican Ambassador to the Soviet Union for one and a half years during the early 1930's; that PONTON has reportedly sided with the Communist group at the University of Mexico concerning university policies and that he is a defender of the Soviet Union, who frequently attacks the United States. b7D

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Subversive Ramifications

The Communist Party and the Communist Political Association have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The Socialist Workers Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The Communist Party and the Communist Party, USA and the Socialist Workers Party will be referred to as the CP, CP, USA and the SWP by initials, respectively.

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[REDACTED] advised on May 1, 1957, that the Organizer of the Philadelphia Branch of the SWP (PBSWP) had contacted the Executive Secretary of the CP Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware (CPEPD) relative to both organizations working together on a meeting concerning the case of MORTON SOBELL, and added that both were agreeable to working together on such a meeting.

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[redacted] advised on [redacted], that [redacted] held a meeting [redacted] at which plans for a forum to be held on June 7, 1957, in honor of MORTON SOBELL were announced. [redacted] said that the forum would be called "Justice for Morton Sobell Meeting" and would be held in Philadelphia with the principal speakers being HELEN SOBELL, MYRA TANNER WEISS, a SWP official, and JEAN FRANTJIS, Chairman of the Philadelphia SC. [redacted] said that [redacted]

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[redacted] Philadelphia CP leaders were enthusiastic, but had received instructions that although they should give full support to the meeting, they should leave the sponsorship to the SWP.

[redacted] advised on April 15, 1957, that a throw-away b7D entitled "The Case of Morton Sobell - Prisoner of the Witchhunt", which was circulated to all SWP members in the New York City area described MYRA TANNER WEISS as follows:

"Socialist Workers Party 1956 candidate for Vice-President"

[redacted]

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[redacted] advised on [redacted] that a meeting of the [redacted] SWP was held [redacted] at which meeting a letter from the National Office of the SWP was read to all members, in which it was suggested that the local branch of the SWP form and sponsor a "Sobell Committee" to raise funds for MORTON SOBELL's trial and that one of the branch members be assigned to search for, keep current on and report on all pertinent facts of the Sobell case.

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[redacted] advised on [redacted] that a meeting of the [redacted] SWP was held [redacted] at which meeting one of the branch members was delegated to the duty of investigating the potentialities of setting up a local "Sobell Committee" for the area, as had been suggested by the National Office of the SWP. b7D

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that [redacted] the SWP held a meeting [redacted] and at this meeting the "Educational" consisted of a discussion of the Sobell case, as outlined for them by [redacted] b7D

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that a meeting of the [redacted] SWP was held [redacted] and added that at this meeting an announcement was made that a letter [redacted] over the signature of MYRA TANNER WEISS, asking them to cooperate in the fight to gain freedom for MORTON SOBELL.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that a meeting of [redacted] the SWP was held [redacted] at which meeting a letter was read by MYRA TANNER WEISS in which she advised all members of the SWP to work for and assist the local Sobell Committees. b7D

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that a meeting [redacted] was held on [redacted] and added that one of the items of business discussed was the Sobell appeal to the Supreme Court. [redacted] advised that the needs b7D

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Newspaper Publicity

A. New York City Dailies

On Page four of the May 15, 1957 issue of the "New York Mirror" is a news article entitled, "Sobell Loses Appeal; Laud Spy Case Judge", which article relates that MORTON SOBELL, serving 30 years in Alcatraz for a role in the Rosenberg espionage plot, lost a plea before the United States Court of Appeals to set aside his 1951 conviction. According to the article, the unanimous opinion of the court held that the trial judge had properly denied all the grounds mentioned by SOBELL.

On Page 20 of the September 10, 1957 issue of the "New York Times" is an article entitled, "Sobell in Third Plea to the Supreme Court", which reports in detail the plea of lawyers for MORTON SOBELL and the request to the Supreme Court to vacate its previous orders denying SOBELL's appeals from lower court rulings, and asking for a Supreme Court review. According to the article, the court rejected two earlier petitions.

On Page seven of the September 10, 1957 issue of the "New York Daily News" is a news article, entitled "Sobell Lawyers Try New Appeal", which article reports that attorneys for MORTON SOBELL asked the Supreme Court to look into the case again.

On Page 23 of the September 10, 1957 issue of the "New York Herald Tribune" is a similar article concerning the appeal to the Supreme Court.

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On Page 21 of the October 8, 1957 issue of the "New York Daily News" is an article entitled, "8,300 Support Sobell Appeal" which reports The filing of a Amicus Curiae Brief with the Supreme Court in behalf of Morton Sobell".

B. "Daily Worker"

The "Daily Worker" is an east coast Communist newspaper and "The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker".

On Page 2, Column 3 of the March 1, 1957 issue of the "Daily Worker" is an article entitled, "Argue Sobell Appeal Monday", which reports that oral arguments on the appeal of MORTON SOBELL would be held before the United States Court of Appeals in New York City on March 4, 1957, and that Dr. LUIS SANCHEZ PONTON (see above), Professor of Law at the University of Mexico, would participate.

On Page 2, Column 4 of the March 5, 1957 issue of the "Daily Worker" is an article entitled, "Court To Hear Sobell's Mexican Lawyer Today", which reports that PONTON, Mexican Law Professor, would take part in the Sobell case on March 5, 1957.

On Page 3, Column 1 of the March 6, 1957 issue of the "Daily Worker" is an article entitled, "Medina Hears Sobell's Argument For New Trial", which reports that attorneys for MORTON SOBELL, who included among their number Dr. PONTON, presented the arguments for a petition for a new trial in a hostile atmosphere in the United States Court of Appeals.

On Page 5, Column 1 of the March 10, 1957 issue of "The Worker" is a lengthy feature article with pictures entitled, "Mexican Attorney Acts for Sobell", which reports the experience of Dr. PONTON as one of the attorneys who argued in behalf of SOBELL in the United States Court of Appeals.

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On Page 15, Column 3 of the April 7, 1957 issue of "The Worker" is an advertisement for the showing of a film strip on the Sobell case in New York City, which showing was sponsored by the Lower East Side CSJMS.

On Page 6, Column 1 of the April 11, 1957 issue of the "Daily Worker" is an article entitled, "Was Justice Done - A Dramatic Film Strip - Rosenberg - Sobell Case", which reports that a film strip had been produced by the CSJMS and giving instruction for obtaining this strip of more than 100 pictures for public showing.

On Page 2, Column 4 of the April 12, 1957 issue of the "Daily Worker" is an article entitled, "No Record of Sobell Expulsion Says Mexico", which article reports that the Mexican Department of Migration has stated that there is no record ordering the expulsion of MORTON SOBELL from Mexico. According to this article, this new evidence was cited to the United States Court of Appeals as reason for a new hearing.

On Page 6, Column 3 of the April 18, 1957 issue of the "Daily Worker" is an article entitled, "Anthology of Poems on the Rosenbergs Off Press Today", which reports that Sierra Press of New York City announces the publication of a book of poems on the Rosenberg Case entitled, "The Rosenbergs: Poems of the United States".

On Page 11, Column 4 of the May 5, 1957 issue of "The Worker" is a lengthy book review by MERIDEL LE SUEUR entitled, "The Poems of Helen Sobell", which favorably reviews the book "You Who Love Life" by HELEN SOBELL, published by the Sobell Committee.

[REDACTED] On March 21, 1952, stated that [REDACTED] knew MERIDEL LE SUEUR to be a strong Communist [REDACTED] met her at CP functions, such as the large National Committee meetings on at least two occasions in the period [REDACTED] when she attended [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] first met [REDACTED]

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LE SUEUR sometime between [REDACTED] at which time she was an accepted member of the CP. b7D

On Page 15, Column 1 of the May 12, 1957 issue of "The Worker" is an advertisement entitled, "A Day Together For Justice", which promotes a boat ride to Bear Mountain State Park on May 26 under the sponsorship of the CSJMS.

On Page 5, Column 2 of the May 19, 1957 issue of "The Worker" is an article entitled, "Appeals Court Refuses New Trial To Sobell", which reports that SOBELL was denied a new trial when a three man United States Court of Appeals bench upheld a lower court ruling denying the application for a new trial.

On Page 3, Column 3 of the May 27, 1957 issue of the "Daily Worker" is an article entitled, "Boat Ride of Sobell Committee draws 2,000", which reports the attendance at a Sobell boat ride on May 26, 1957.

On Page 14, Column 5, of the June 2, 1957 issue of "The Worker" is a box advertisement for a meeting to be held in Philadelphia on June 7, 1957, under the auspices of the SWP (see above) with the proceeds being sent to the CSJMS.

On Page 16, Column 4 of the June 2, 1957 issue of "The Worker" is an article entitled, "Across A Continent - In Alcatraz", which is an article on a boat ride to Bear Mountain on May 26, 1957, under the auspices of the CSJMS.

On Page 6, Column 3 of the June 11, 1957 issue of the "Daily Worker" is a book review entitled, "As I See It From Here" by JESUS COLON, which reviews the book "The Rosenbergs: Poems of the United States".

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[REDACTED] advised on January 16, 1951, that as of that date JESUS COLON was a member [REDACTED] of the CP, USA.

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On Page 6, Column 5 of the June 12, 1957 issue of the "Daily Worker" is a filler entitled, "Poems on the Rosenbergs", announcing that the price of the book of poems on the ROSENBERGS is \$3.00.

On Page 10, Column 3 of the June 16, 1957 issue of "The Worker" is a lengthy book review entitled, "Volume of Poetry Records Martyrdom of Rosenbergs" by MERIDEL LE SUEUR (see above), which reviews favorably and quotes extensively from "The Rosenbergs: Poems of the United States".

On Page 8, Column 3 of the June 16, 1957 issue of "The Worker" is a feature article under the by-line of LESTER RODNEY entitled "From Alcatraz, Sobell Stirs the Conscience of Americans", which article reports an interview with ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL, and reports the arguments used before the United States Court of Appeals by the SOBELL defense.

██████████ advised on October 9, 1957, that as of that date LESTER RODNEY was still a reporter for the "Daily Worker" and a member of the CP.

On Page 15, Column 1 of the June 16, 1957 issue of "The Worker" is an article entitled "Tribute to Rosenbergs", announcing that people would join a memorial to the ROSENBERGS to be held at Pinelawn Cemetery, Long Island on June 23, 1957.

On Page 7, Column 1 of the June 19, 1957 issue of the "Daily Worker" is a lengthy reprint from poems which appear in the book "The Rosenbergs: Poems of the United States" accompanied by photographs of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, and captioned, "It Happened Four Years Ago Today" (June 19).

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On Page 1, Column 3 of the June 24, 1957 issue of the "Daily Worker" is an article entitled, "Hold Annual Services for the Rosenbergs", which reports a gathering of friends at the side of the graves of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG on June 23, 1957.

On Page 4, Column 4 of the June 20, 1957 issue of the "Daily Worker" is a letter to the editor concerning a book of poems published by Sierra Press about the ROSENBERGS.

On Page 1, Column 1 of the September 12, 1957 issue of the "Daily Worker" is an article entitled, "Sobell Plea to High Court Cites New Ruling", which reports that MORTON SOBELL asked the Supreme Court to set aside his trial as unfair, citing the fact that the judge and prosecution had prejudiced the case by attacking ETHEL ROSENBERG's use of the Fifth Amendment before a Grand Jury in order to discredit her testimony.

On Page 5, Column 1 of the September 12, 1957, issue of the "Daily Worker" is an editorial entitled, "Sobell's New Appeal" which reports the appeal to the United States Supreme Court for a new trial for MORTON SOBELL.

C. National Guardian

On Page 2 of the May 27, 1957 issue of the National Guardian the masthead identifies CEDRIC BELFRAGE as Editor-In-Exile and JOHN T. MC MANUS as General Manager.

On November 30, 1945, ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, a self-admitted Soviet espionage agent, furnished a statement in which she said that CEDRIC BELFRAGE was connected with British Intelligence in the latter part of 1942, or early part of 1943, and had been supplying JACOB GOLOS, a Soviet espionage agent, with information emanating from Scotland Yard. BENTLEY

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said that BELFRAGE was referred to as "BENJAMIN" by the Russians.

On December 9, 1954, BELFRAGE was ordered deported from the United States on charges that after entry into the United States, he was an alien who was a member or affiliated with the CP of the United States and at the time of entry was an alien who was a member of the CP.

[REDACTED] advised on April 5, 1951, b7D that [REDACTED] considered JOHN MC MANUS to be a member of the CP although [REDACTED] had not seen MC MANUS' CP card.

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On Pages one and ten of the March 11, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is a lengthy feature article under the by-line of JOHN T. MC MANUS, entitled, "Mexican Law Expert Argues - Sobel Was Seized Illegally, Authority Tells Appeal Court", which article sets forth the arguments used before the United States Court of Appeals by Dr. PONTON of Mexico.

On Page 2 of the March 11, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is an editorial entitled, "Righting The Record", which lists the names of some of the signers of the appeal to the President for a new trial and which attacks the House Committee on Un-American Activities which had reported that "The Communist apparatus has begun a nationwide campaign in behalf of Morton Sobell".

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On Page 7 of the March 25, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is a large box advertisement of the book, "The Frightened Giant" by CEDRIC BELFRAGE, which advertisement notes that one chapter of the book concerns the Rosenberg-Sobell case.

On Page 10 of the May 13 and May 20, 1957 issues of the "National Guardian" this advertisement is repeated.

On Page 7 of the March 25, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is an article under the by-line of ALBERT E. KAHN entitled, "Helen Sobell Talks About Her Husband Morton - The Gentleman Scholar of Alcatraz Island", which attacks the imprisoning of MORTON SOBELL in the "maximum security" prison on Alcatraz Island.

On Page 451 of the 1949 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities, ALBERT E. KAHN is described as "New York State CP leader".

On Page 10 of the April 8, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is an advertisement for a "Gala Musical Evening" on April 13, 1957, in Berkley, California, under the auspices of the East Bay Sobell Committee.

On Page 11 of the April 8, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is an advertisement for a film strip to be shown April 10, 1957, under the sponsorship of the Lower East Side CSJMS in New York City.

On Page 11 of the April 8, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is an advertisement for a forum on April 14, 1957, to be held in New York City, at which the Sobell Case would be the topic of discussion.

On Page 11 of the April 15, 1957, issue of the "National Guardian" this advertisement is repeated.

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On Page 4 of the April 22, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is an article entitled, "Mexico Denies they Deported Sobell", which reports that the Mexican Department of Migration had declared that there is no record that they ordered the expulsion of MORTON SOBELL from Mexico.

On Page 10 of the May 6, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is a large two column advertisement entitled "The Rosenbergs", which advertises the book of poems entitled, "The Rosenbergs: Poems of the United States".

On Page 9 of the May 13, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is a box advertisement entitled, "A Day Together For Justice", which advertises the Sobell boat ride to Bear Mountain from New York City, on May 26, 1957.

On Page 10 of the May 20, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" this advertisement is repeated, and on Page 11 of the May 27, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is a standard linear advertisement of the boat ride.

On Page 4 of the May 27, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is an article entitled, "Going To Supreme Court - Appeals Court Turns Down Sobell Plea For New Trial", which reports that the Supreme Court would be asked to review the denial by a United States Court of Appeals of motions to free SOBELL or grant a new trial.

On Page 11 of the May 27, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is an advertisement for a book of poems entitled, "The Rosenbergs: Poems of the United States".

On Page 11 of the June 3, 1957, the June 10, 1957, the June 17, 1957 and June 24, 1957 issues of the "National Guardian" this advertisement is repeated.

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On Page 11 of the May 27, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is a news type article which reports that a boat ride would be held on May 26, 1957, to Bear Mountain under the sponsorship of the SC.

On Page 2 of the June 3, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is a "Letter To The Editor", attacking the decision of the United States Court of Appeals in denying a new trial to MORTON SOBELL.

On Page 10 of the June 3, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is a box advertisement of a Philadelphia, Pennsylvania meeting to discuss the Sobell case to be held June 7, 1957, under the sponsorship of the SWP.

On Page 11 of the June 10, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is an advertisement of a Sobell Committee meeting to be held in San Francisco, California, on June 21, 1957.

On Page 6 of the June 17, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is an article entitled, "If We Die", which advertises the book of poems "The Rosenbergs: Poems of the United States" and which is accompanied by photographs of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG.

On Page 11, of the June 17, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is an advertisement, which is an invitation to a memorial service for ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG on June 23, 1957, at Pinelawn Cemetery under the sponsorship of the SC.

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On Page 6 of the June 17, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is a filler entitled "Solace", which reports that on June 6, 1957, in Washington, D.C. Judge IRVING R. KAUFMAN, addressed the graduating class of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy and thanked the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the protection it had given him and his family during the case, at the conclusion of which he had sentenced JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG to death.

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On Page 6 of the June 17, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is a lengthy feature article entitled, "They Can Find Vindication Through Morton Sobell - Memorial To the Rosenbergs", under the by-line of ROYAL W. FRANCE, which article reports that since new evidence being presented establishes MORTON SOBELL's innocence, it also points to the fact that the ROSENBERGS also were innocent.

A letter dated June, 1957 and addressed to "Dear Colleague" on the letterhead of the National Lawyers Guild, reflects that the signer of the letter, ROYAL W. FRANCE, is the Executive Secretary of the National Lawyers Guild (see Appendix).

On Page 9 of the June 17, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is a box advertisement for a Sobell meeting to be held June 21, 1957, at San Francisco, California.

On Page 2 of the June 24, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is an editorial entitled, "A Day To Remember" which congratulated the "Warren Supreme Court" which it said gave the concept of civil liberty a new fighting chance by its affirmation of the use of the Fifth Amendment and which editorial urges a "Freedom Campaign for --- Sobell case".

On Page 8 of the July 1, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is an article under the by-line of CEDRIC BELFRAGE, datlined London, entitled, "Born Of The Sun", which reports a memorial service held in London for JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG on June 20, 1957.

On Page 7 of the July 22, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is a box advertisement which advertises a Chicago public meeting for MORTON SOBELL to be held on July 26, 1957.

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On Page 2 of the August 5, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is an editorial entitled, "The Sobell Appeal" which expresses the opinion that although SOBELL's appeal was twice rejected by the Supreme Court it now stands a good chance because the court has had three new members and a new Chief Justice appointed who have similar views to those previously expressed by Judges DOUGLAS and BLACK.

On Page 4 of the August 5, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is a lengthy article entitled, "Hope Is High For Sobell Review", which reviews the evidence used by Sobell Committee attorneys in petitioning the Supreme Court for a new trial, urging the signing of an Amicus Curiae appeal to the United States Supreme Court, and urging signing an appeal to President EISENHOWER for a presidential pardon.

On Pages 3, 4 and 6 of the August 26, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is a filler which urges the signing of the MORTON SOBELL Amicus Curiae Brief to the Supreme Court.

On Page 7 of the August 26, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is an article entitled, "Sobell Campaign Hits Stride", which reports that the Sobell Committee expected to have 10,000 signatures to an Amicus Curiae brief to be filed with the court in behalf of MORTON SOBELL's appeal for a new trial.

On Page 2 of the September 9, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is a "Letter to the Editor" by HELEN SOBELL which thanked all persons who already signed the Amicus Curiae Brief to the Supreme Court and appealing for further signers.

On Page 3 of the September 16, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is an article entitled, "Three New Appeals Filed In Sobell Case" which reports the three appeals to the Supreme Court which were scheduled to be filed:

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1) Based on the fact that the judge and prosecution discredited ETHEL ROSENBERG for having invoked the Fifth Amendment.

2). An appeal based on fraud by the prosecution.

3). An appeal based on SOBELL's illegal seizure by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On Page 4, of the October 7, 1957 issue of the "National Guardian" is an article entitled "Three Lawyers Act -- Brief For Sobell is Filed by 4,000", which reports that a Amicus Curiae Brief would be filed with the Supreme Court during October, 1957, in behalf of 4,000 persons who signed petitions asking a review of the Sobell case.

Activity in the New York City area

A. City-wide Sobell Committee

██████ advised on April 15, 1957, that a mimeographed letter under the letterhead of the SWP dated April 8, 1957 and signed by the Organizer of the New York City SWP advised all local branches that a forum would be held in New York City on April 14, 1957, at which HELEN SOBELL would be the principal speaker and further announced that a boat ride to Bear Mountain would be held on May 26, 1957, under the sponsorship of the city-wide Committee of the CSJMS.

██████ advised on June 3, 1957, that a boat ride from New York City to Bear Mountain was held under the sponsorship of the CSJMS on May 26, 1957.

██████ advised that the tickets cost \$2.50 per person and approximately 1262 persons attended.

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[redacted] advised on June 4, 1957, that the Sobell Committee of New York City sponsored a boat ride from New York City to Bear Mountains on May 26, 1957, at which attendance was estimated as being approximately 2,000 persons. [redacted] advised that the affair seemed to have all the appearances of being a routine picnic, with the exception of the showing of a film strip on the Rosenberg-Sobell Case during the return voyage. [redacted] advised that about one eighth of the people on the boat attended the showing of the film strip and added that a request for donations was made, but not a very poor response. b7D

[redacted] advised on June 18, 1957, that a boat ride from New York City to Bear Mountains State Park was held under the sponsorship of the CSJMS on May 26, 1957, and added that he was told by a CSJMS worker that although only about 1500 persons attended, 2700 tickets had been sold and the affair was a financial success. b7D

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that a Sobell Committee meeting was held [redacted]

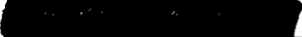
[redacted] at which plans were made for the presentment of a Amicus Curiae Brief to the Supreme Court on behalf of MORTON SOBELL. b7D

[redacted] advised on [redacted] [redacted] reflected the following individuals as being among the prime movers of the city-wide Sobell Committee and active in the National Committee: b7D

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1. HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL
2. TED JACOBS, Publicity Director
3. LEAH SCHNEIDER, Office Manager
4. LILLIAN KIEZEL
5. SARAH HAMMOND
6. JUDY SWETZKY

In the September 19, 1957 issue of the "New York Times", a New York City daily newspaper, LILLIAN KIEZEL is identified as the 1957 candidate for New York City Council President on the SWP ticket.

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[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that a social party was held in a private residence in New York City, on [REDACTED] under the sponsorship of the lower east side SC. According to [REDACTED] admission to the party was \$1.25, liquor was sold and music provided for those desiring to dance.

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[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that members of [REDACTED] SC canvassed housing developings [REDACTED] in an effort to raise funds and gather signatures for an Amicus Brief prepared by the National Sobell Committee.

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On June 21, 1957, twenty individuals including Mrs. HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL and ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL, were observed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to be attending a meeting of the East New York - Brownsville SC at the Premier Palace, Brooklyn, New York. This meeting consisted of a collection at the door, the showing of a film strip "Was Justice Done" with accompanying narrative, a short speech and a collection to aid in the legal defense of MORTON SOBELL. The amount of money collected was not announced.

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Activities Throughout The Country

Baltimore

[REDACTED] b7D
[REDACTED] advised on June 25, 1952, that HAROLD ROUND was a member of the District Number 4 CP [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] advised on December 3, 1951, that CLAIRE FRIEDMAN was a member of the District Number 4 CP [REDACTED] b7D and that she later became Mrs. CLAIRE ROUND.

Chicago

[REDACTED] advised on May 6, 1957, that the Chicago SC listed its officers in official committee documents as being: b7D

RUTH ROTHSTEIN, Chairman, and DAVID SALTNER, Secretary.

[REDACTED] advised during June, 1956, that JOSEPHINE GRANAT was reported as being the Active Executive Secretary of the Chicago SC. b7D

On August 1, 1951, [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] knew RUTH MERSON (RUTH ROTHSTEIN) to have been a member of and active in the affairs of the CP. b7D

[REDACTED] advised on May 17, 1956, that ANNIE JOSEPHINE GRANAT (JO GRANAT) had been a member of the CP since approximately 1947. b7D

It is to be noted that the information furnished by [REDACTED] is not to be made public except in the usual proceedings following issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. b7D

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The AYD has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[REDACTED] advised on January 18, 1956, that DAN MARSHALL was a member of the National Lawyers Guild (see Appendix). [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised on February 28, 1955, that ANN KELLER (ANN BERENHOLTZ) was a member of the CP as of approximately [REDACTED] b7D

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Milwaukee

The "Milwaukee Journal", a daily newspaper of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in its issue of September 16, 1957, quoted JOHN GILMAN, Chairman of the Milwaukee Branch of the CSJMS as stating that the Milwaukee Branch of the SC had been re-activated about six weeks previously to attempt to obtain a new trial for MORTON SOBELL.

[REDACTED] advised on August 30, 1957, that the following were officers of the Milwaukee SC:

Chairman	JOHN GILMAN
Secretary	BETSY STERGAR
Treasurer	CORA BERBERICH

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[REDACTED] advised on March 1, 1957, that JOHN GILMAN was Chairman of the CP Club which belonged to the Community Division of the Wisconsin CP and added at this time that CORA BERBERICH was a member of the CP Club in the Community Division of the Wisconsin CP.

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[redacted] advised during 1956, that SARAH and GAYLORD SWING were members of the CP in the Phoenix area of Arizona.

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San Francisco

On Page 6, Columns 1 through 3, of the October 17, 1956 issue of the "Daily People's World", is an article in which is set forth information to the effect that WARREN K. BILLINGS had accepted Chairmanship of the Northern California District Council of Sobell Committees.

On Page 2, Column 3 of the November 9, 1956, issue of the "Daily People's World", is set forth the address of the Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees as being 1417 Valencia Street, San Francisco, California.

The "Daily People's World" was a west coast Communist publication, which in February, 1957, reverted to the name "People's World".

[redacted] advised [redacted] had recently stated that there was no difference between the Northern California Council of Sobell Committees and the Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees. [redacted] advised at this time that the officers were as follows:

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Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Organizational
Secretary

WARREN K. BILLINGS
SALLY COOPER
LEON ALEXANDER
SYLVIA STEINGART

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[REDACTED] advised on April 1, 1957, that EUGENE EAGLE was working as Chairman of the Bay Area Council of Sobell Committees. b7D

On Page 6, Columns 1 through 3 of the October 17, 1956 issue of the "Daily People's World" is an article which identifies WARREN K. BILLINGS as a co-defendant of TOM MOONEY, who had served 23 years in jail for the "Preparedness Day" bombing conviction. According to the article, BILLINGS, whose death sentence was commuted, was pardoned in 1939 by Governor CULBERT OLSEN.

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The American Russian Institute of San Francisco has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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[REDACTED] advised in May, 1950, that SYLVIA STEINGART was the Organizational Secretary of the New Jewish Cultural Branch of the San Francisco County CP. b7D

San Diego

[REDACTED] advised on [REDACTED] that as of [REDACTED] PAT GREEN was Secretary of the San Diego SC and MIRIAM KUZNIEHCZYK was Treasurer of the San Diego SC. [REDACTED] advised there were no other officers appointed. b7D

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[redacted] advised on August 22, 1957, that a breakfast was held on August 18, 1957, in San Diego, for the benefit of the San Diego SC [redacted] b7D

St. Louis

[redacted] advised on April 10, 1957, that HAVEN PERKINS (see above) was at that time Mid-West Organizer of the CSJMS and that his wife, CLARA MAE PERKINS, (see above) was Chairman of the St. Louis SC and IRVING GLICKER was Secretary of the St. Louis SC. b7D

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Syracuse

[redacted] advised on January 23, 1957, that on that date LILLIAN REINER stated that she was Chairman of the Syracuse SC and JANE ANDERSON was Secretary-Treasurer. b7D

[redacted] advised on March 11, 1951, that LILLIAN REINER, as head of the American Labor Party at Syracuse, New York, had worked closely with CP members. (See Appendix) b7D

[redacted] advised on December 5, 1952, that JANE ANDERSON was a member of the CP at Syracuse, New York. b7D

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Portland, Oregon

██████████ advised on February 4, 1957, that on February 2, 1957, an "extravaganza" sponsored by the CSJMS was held in Milwauke, Oregon at the home of JAMES CANNON. ██████████ advised that organizational arrangements were made by ROSE LEOPOLD for this affair at which 45 persons were present. b7D

██████████ advised on January 27, 1957, that JAMES CANNON was a member of the CP in 1946. b7D

██████████ advised on April 26, 1952, that ROSE LEOPOLD was known as an associate and close friend of persons known to be CP members. b7D

Washington, D.C.

██████████ advised on April 30, 1957, that a meeting of the Washington, D.C. SC was held in Silver Springs, Maryland on April 27, 1957. b7D

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL GUARDIAN

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

- "1. 'Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly. * * * Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Horton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, p. 12.)"

AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the American Labor Party:

- "1. 'For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 78.)"
- "2. 'Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the * * * American Labor Party. The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

On October 7, 1956, Peter Hawley, New York State Chairman, American Labor Party, publicly announced the American Labor Party State Committee unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the organization and ordering the liquidation of its assets.

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NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, contains the following concerning the National Lawyers' Guild:

"National Lawyers' Guild

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.
(Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'
(Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers' Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835) DATE: 10/28/57
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)
SUBJECT: THE COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IS-C

Enclosed are six copies of the report of SA PHILIP H. SHERIDAN, dated 10/28/57 at New York, and six copies of a memorandum setting forth the reliability of informants utilized in this report. One copy of captioned report and one copy of the reliability memorandum are being furnished for information purposes to the indicated offices.

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Informants

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T-1 [REDACTED] Chemical Corn Exchange Bank, NYC (requested)	Officers	9/26/57	ANTHONY E. CONSTANTINO	Instant Report
	<u>Bank Balances</u>			
	3/26/57	3/27/57	"	100-107111-2399
	4/26/57	4/26/57	"	100-107111-2420
	5/27/57	5/27/57	"	100-107111-2483
	6/25/57	6/26/57	"	100-107111-2541A
	7/29/57	7/29/57	"	100-107111-2600
	8/26/57	8/27/57	"	100-107111-2619
	9/26/57	9/26/57	"	Instant Report
T-2 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	PHILIP H. SHERIDAN	100-107111-2444

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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	"	100-107111-2585
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	"	100-107111-2583
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	"	100-107111-1B824
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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	"	100-10711-2491
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	"	Instant Report
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	"	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	"	100-107111-2408A
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	"	100-107111-G-17
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	"	100-107111-G-29
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	"	100-107111-G-34
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	"	100-107111-G-33
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T-7 [REDACTED] b7D	[REDACTED]			[REDACTED] b7D
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T-11	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	JAMES J. KARIS	100-107111-2576
T-12	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	100-107111-2618
T-13	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	LEROY R. KIRKPATRICK	100-107111-2575
T-14	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	100-107111-2479-A
T-15	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
T-16	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	100-107111-2356
T-17	[REDACTED] b-2	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	100-107111-2633
T-18	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	100-107111-2440 100-107111-2514A

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	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	GEORGE D. BAXTRUM, Jr.	100-107111-2403
T-22 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]			100-107111-2536
T-23 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]			100-107111-2539
T-24 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	GEORGE D. BAXTRUM, Jr.	100-107111-2564
T-25 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]			100-107111-2579
T-26 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	HERBERT K. STALLINGS	100-107111-2502
T-27 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	ARTHUR S. BENNETT	100-107111-2484A
	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	"	100-107111-G-21
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M. trust Savings Bank, Chicago, Illinois (requested)

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Wisconsin State Bank (requested)

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Careful consideration has been given to the sources concealed, and T-symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

Administrative

The Headquarters of the SC at Room D, 940 Broadway, was observed on 10/15/57, by SA PHILIP H. SHERIDAN during a physical surveillance.

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The observation of individuals attending the East New York - Brownsville SC meeting at the Premier Palace, Brooklyn, NY, on 6/21/57, was during a physical surveillance by SAS SIDNEY E. HOWE, TOLEFF JACOBSON, Jr., JOSEPH J. MC FARLANE and PHILIP H. SHERIDAN.

Copies of this report are being furnished for information purposes to all offices where active adjuncts to the CSJMS have been revealed to exist either through the publicity of the CSJMS or by confidential informants.

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At New York, New York

Will follow and report the activities of captioned organization as revealed through confidential informants and/or publicity releases.

REFERENCE:

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	6/25/57	6/26/57	"	100-107111-2541A
	7/29/57	7/29/57	"	100-107111-2600
	8/26/57	8/27/57	"	100-107111-2619
	9/26/57	9/26/57	"	Instant Report

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T-14	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	100-107111-2479-A
T-15	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	b7D
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T-17	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	100-107111-2633
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T-28 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	J.J. LAWLER	100-107111-G-9
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All Trust Savings Bank, Chicago, Illinois (requested)

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T-35	[REDACTED]			
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